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Look out!

Women are the focus of this week's Look Out!, alternative compilations from news stories around the world. Written by Chris Vance.

Women soldiers in Sri Lanka

Many Tamil guerillas in Sri Lanka are women, a theme also seen in Southern Africa, Latin America, and East Asia.

One woman guerrilla, 26-year-old Arthi, left architecture school in 1985 to fight for Tamil independence.

"In society, women are considered inferior. In the movement, we are all equal," she said.

Since 1983, 300,000 people have died in the war for Tamil independence. Arthi nearly died in 1988, when she was shot in the spine, but within six months, she was back on the battlefield.

"Women are the most affected in this war. They are the widowed, raped, they lose children. There are more women than men in our population, so we must fight," said another women fighter, 21-year-old Chandrika, who joined at age 19.

Minoli de Soysa

Incest survivors get compensation

In the first court-case victory of its kind in Britain, three sisters have been awarded compensation for having been victims of incest committed by their father.

The court awarded the women nearly $80,000.

Manchester Guardian

Woman convicts assassin in Chile

Lawyer Fabiola Letelier has won her case against two Chilean Secret Police officers for murdering her brother in Washington, DC, 17-years-ago.

Letelier had pursued the case for over 14 years, despite threats and intimidation from Chile's military dictatorship. Her brother- a high-ranking minister in the socialist government of Allende- was killed for opposing the U.S.-backed dictatorship.

Letelier's victory is the first to against any military officers. The judge allowed the convicted officers reduced sentences of seven and six years because the crime was committed so long ago.

One of the convicted is still on active duty.

Washington Post

Palestinian and Israeli women unite

Women's groups in Israel and Palestine are urging the Israeli government to fullfil its promise of releasing political prisoners, many of who are suffering from battle-wounds.

Nineteen-year-old Miraim Manasra is serving a 12-year sentence and is suffering from a missing kidney due to Israeli Defense Force fire.

Zahara Qar'ush is 36-years-old and a mother of three. She has four years left in her 12-year sentence. Qar'ush has kidney stones, one failed kidney, diabetes, high-blood pressure and rheumatism.

The women's groups also oppose the psychological warfare prisoners face in jail.

Sometimes prisoners are told to pack their things in preparation for their release. They are driven far distances, locked in prison rooms in unknown places, and then driven back to their original cells.

Women's groups are also trying to change the occupier/occupied relationship of Israelis and Palestinians. Meetings and conferences are the main venue for this, where women from different backgrounds get together and forge alliances.

Challenge, Mary Hutchinson, Activist

Free trade kills 81 women

On Nov. 19, a doll factory in a Chinese free-trade zone caught fire, but the workers couldn't escape because all the windows and doors were locked. Eighty-one women were killed and 31 were injured.

Chinese and Hong Kong officials (who are responsible for the working conditions in these factories) are expected to receive state immunity.

The Chinese free-trade zone is the fastest growing area in the world.

Web computer system

Tanzanian Women benefit from saved forests

Desertification in Sub-Saharan Africa has harmed the plight of African women because they are usually responsible for gathering firewood and harvesting crops.

In Tanzania, the state began a reforestation project 20 years ago. Women in some areas are now reaping the benefits.

Women in the Haubi region meet once a week to co-ordinate their communities. Over the last ten years, Haubi's crop yield and firewood supply has greatly improved due to the re-vegetation.

Nonetheless, 400,000 hectares of trees are destroyed in Tanzania every year, and only 20,000 of these are replanted.

InterPress

Australian women create coalition

Fifty women's groups in Australia have banded together to create the Coalition of Australian Participating Organizations of Women! (CAPOW!).

CAPOW! is committed to providing national communications networks for Australian women. For more information, phone or fax Ingrid Fitzgerald at 06-247-7446.

Lara Pullin, Greenleft News

Beijing to host 'Fourth World' women's conference

Women's groups from around the 'Fourth World' are preparing for the first conference organized by and for poorer women in the world in Beijing, China in September 1995.

"In Africa, women are producing 75 per cent of the continent's food. In Asia, they are holding up that economic success. [In the Baltic region,] they have been responsible for sustaining societies during wars," said one conference organizer.

The women's groups are pressing for countries to respect the 1979 United Nations convention to end all discrimination against women. Most importantly, the women want to remove culture as the main barrier to achieving gender equality.

Jill S. Small, InterPress

Forced sterilization in Vietnam

Thousands of Vietnamese women have faced forced sterilization by the state for decades.

Forced sterilization, a violent act against women's reproductive freedom, has been done with the drug Quinacrine.

News of whether the forced sterilization continues or not is unavailable.

Activist, Lancet, Boston Women's Health Book Collective

Burma sanctions rape

The Burmese army has revitalized a long-standing weapon of war: rape.

Soldiers in rural areas, especially in indigenous communities, are being encouraged to rape and impregnate local women. Targetting one group in this way is legally defined as genocide.

Students in Manerplaw, Burma claim rapist soldiers are rewarded by cash bonuses from their superiors. At the same time, many soldiers are refusing to carry out their orders and are deserting the army.

Activist

Women's books go to Croatia

The Chicago-based Balkan Women's Empowerment Project has sent 3,500 feminist books to women's groups in Zagreb, Croatia.

Zagreb is home to 65,000 refugees, most of whom are women and children. The main women's centre in Zagreb will use the books to supplement its already-existing services.

The group offers space for women writers, poets, artists, and women getting together to cope with wartime life.

The BWEP needs another $60,000 to complete their support work. Donations can be sent to 4516 N. Ashland Ave. 2W, Chicago, Ill., 60640.

Susan Soric

Lesbians in Romania face jail for love

One of the strictest Romanian laws is about who lesbian and gay men may, or may not, love.

Article 200 of Romania's Penal Code gives up to five-year sentences to people found guilty of loving people of the same sex.

The article allows courts to give up to seven-year sentences if the couple's love "causes a scandal", and up to five year sentences if lesbians and gays "incite or entice" homosexuality publicly.

Send protest letters to: Honourable Nastase, Chamber of Deputies President; Honourable Tanase, Juridical Commission President; and Honourable Wiitstock, Human Rights Commission President. Address your letters to the Romanian Parliament, Palatul din Dealul Mitropoliei, Bucharest, Romania.

Send copies to Martinez, Council of Europe Assembly President, Parliamentary Assembly, B.P. 431 R6, F-67006 Strasbourg Cedex, France and the International Lesbian/Gay Human Rights Commission, 514 Castro St., San Francisco, CA, 94114.

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UVic security insensitive to women

by Dena Cator

Efforts of the organizers of the Women's Changing Images Conference to celebrate the advancement of the status of women proved sour for several who attended it Nov. 10.

The conference was sponsored by the University of Victoria and aimed to bring attention to the accomplishments of women. It was attended by students, faculty and members of the public.

Four members of the Date Rape/Dating Violence Education Project left the Safety on Campus workshop in disgust and disbelief because of the attitude of UVic Traffic and Security toward women.

"We came out feeling quite nauseous," said Danielle St. Jacques "We were left with the impression of Traffic and Security as being extremely ignorant concerning women's issues."

During the workshop, derogatory and controversial remarks were made concerning the issue of women and sexual assault.

Several remarks made by a Traffic and Security employee were quoted in an open letter written by members of the Education Project and published in last week's *Martlet* and *Emily* newspapers.

Comments quoted in the letter ranged from women being described as "sleazebags asking [to be raped] by wearing short skirts," to sexual assault as "not [being] an epidemic since only 1 in 4 women actually report an assault."

"Comments made by security people were taken in a way not intended," said David Strong, UVic president.

He said many of the phrases used were those used everyday in the documentation of sexual assault incidences.

Strong said Traffic and Security was "Surprised that [the comments] were taken in the wrong way."

Ken Marrison, assistant manager of Traffic and Security, refused comment on the issue, though he attended the workshop presentation himself.

Marrison said since the Education Project's letter had been addressed to Dr. Strong, responsibility for comment on the issue should be his.

Monique Cikaliuk, a member of the Education Project who wrote the open letter, said attitudes revealed at the workshop "Merely reflect a lack of regard throughout Traffic and Security for the importance of women's issues on campus."

Traffic and Security employees receive no formal training in dealing with sexual assault on campus, a policy members of the Date Rape/Dating Violence Education Project want changed.

No formal sexual assault policy exists at UVic; there are only loosely defined guidelines.

"The difference between a policy and guidelines is that guidelines can be deviated from and no one has to take responsibility for the changes," said Cikaliuk. "A policy is more rigid.

"We are actively working with Traffic and Security to upgrade and amend these current guidelines," Cikaliuk said.

Members of the Education Project have demanded a written apology for comments made by Traffic and Security at the conference.

A policy outlining mandatory training for the staff on dealing "sensitively and appropriately" with survivors of sexual assault has also been requested.

Strong requested a meeting take place between the committee and Dr. Don Rowlatt, UVic vice-president of finances and operations to discuss the Education Project's demands.

He said an apology, if required, and discussion of future policies would be discussed at that time.

A meeting scheduled to discuss issues regarding the workshop with the Education Project was cancelled without explanation by Marrison on Nov. 29.❑

Committee calls for equal rights at UVic

by Melissa Svendsen

The University of Victoria Equal Rights and Opportunities Committee has presented a report on UVic's Harassment Policy and Procedures.

The result of a long consultive process, the report recommends substantial changes to the existing policy.

UVic President David Strong is soliciting responses from the university community before placing the changes before the Board of Governors for approval.

Hester Lessard, chair of the ERO committee, said people should let Strong know their response to the report, negative or positive.

"Given that some of the recommendations might attract criticism and backlash, it's important that people who support them make that clear too."

The BoG has already approved the separation of the employment equity and anti-harassment functions of the Equity Issues Office, and the addition of another full-time anti-harassment advisor.

Recommendations still to be considered include:

* That the anti-harassment office be moved from the Sedgewick building, possibly to University Centre.

* That addressing systematic discrimination resulting in "chilly climates" be within the scope of the anti-harassment office's mandate.

* That one anti-harassment advisor be designated a Race Relations advisor.

* That the balance between confidentiality and the common good be shifted slightly in favor of the common good. This includes a provision for an anti-harassment officer to break confidentiality if it is required "To advance the purposes of the policy and to protect the well-being and safety of members of the university community."

* That the responsibility of all members of the university community, particularly those in positions of authority, to address issues of harassment be emphasized.

The report recommends substantial changes.

* That the pamphlet discussing the harassment policy in plain English be written. (Evidently even Law students find the language of the official policy forbidding.)

* That more resources be devoted to education designed to prevent harassment from occurring.

"Adequate provision of resources [is] fundamental . . . to the fulfillment of the obligation of the University of Victoria to address harassment issues under Canadian human rights law and in accordance with broader social commitments to equality," the report reads.

Copies of the report are available at the McPherson Library reserve desk, the Law library reserve desk, the Faculty Association office, and the University of Victoria Students' Society Resource Centre.❑

Students must pay up

by Catherine Hamilton

Any card. One application. Be sure to establish your credit before you graduate.

Most students are familiar with the little blue and white pamphlet offering credit cards to those who have completed first year university.

What most students aren't familiar with are the guidelines governing credit, its use and misuse.

"Basically a problem exists because there's no education for young people on credit and how it should be handled," said John Killon, vice-president of the Credit Bureau of Greater Vancouver.

Used wisely, credit cards are a convenient alternative to cash, but students on a budget or applying for their first time should do some homework before getting a card.

"Students need to be aware of the consequences of not making their payments," said Lynn Webster, a collections agent. "Claiming that you can't pay because you're in school just won't cut it with the credit bureau."

For university students, it isn't hard to obtain several credit cards with limits of five hundred dollars or more.

As a student, before getting a credit card, ask yourself- would you be able to pay your monthly balance in full? If not, what repayment schedule could you meet?

Ask yourself before purchasing something with credit, if you had to pay for it with cash would you be able to buy it?

To find the lowest cost card, it's not enough to compare interest rates, you must also compare how charges are calculated.

Things to look for when you are choosing a card include interest rates on the card and the number of days given to you before the company begins to charge interest.

You should also look to see if interest is being calculated from the date of purchase or the date of the statement and what non-interest charges are being added.

Keep in mind bank and trust companies such as T.D. Visa or Mastercard charge about 16 percent interest per year. Cards from retail stores like the Bay charge up to 26 percent per year.

On a student's tight budget, that's a lot of money.

If you miss payments, the information stays on file at the credit bureau for six years.

A credit bureau takes information from creditors who update accounts every 30 days on outstanding balances and payments made, missed, or received late.

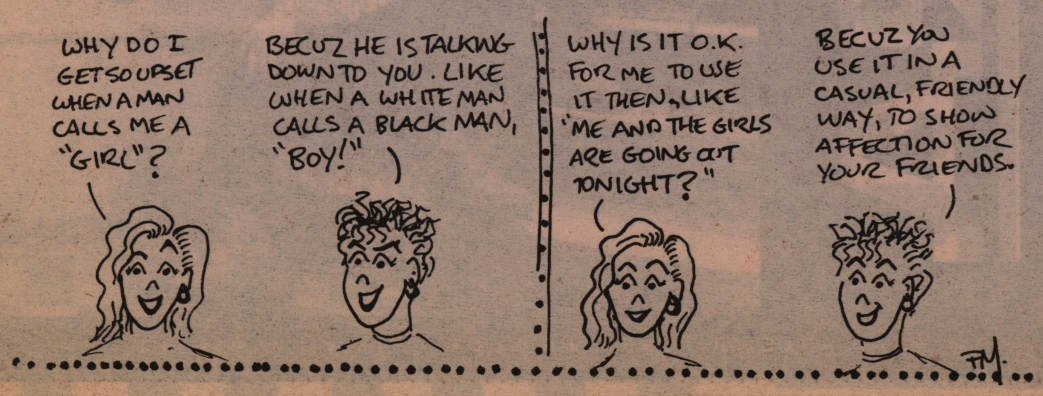
And that means when you try to get a car loan four years from now, the bank could turn you down because you were late a few times paying your credit card bills.

"Banks are being sticky about giving loans these days," Webster said. "They want to be sure you're going to pay."

For creditors dealing with late payments, 30, 60, and 90 days are the usual reporting periods. After 90 days the account moves to advanced collections.

Each account falls under an R-rating system, from best (R-1) to worst (R-9). Every 30 days without payment, the account slips a notch on the R-ratings.

Being familiar with the rating system will help you understand your credit history. To receive a copy of your file through the mail, call Equifax at 1-800-465-7166, and be prepared to give your credit card, social insurance, and driver's licence numbers as well as previous addresses including postal codes. Equifax will mail a copy of your credit record in five days.❑



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Do you think that UVic is a safe place for women?

by Patricia Murray, photos by rkwong

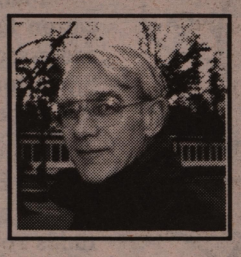
As a woman, I don't feel 100% safe on this campus. I don't feel 100% safe anywhere. I have to think twice about coming to the campus at night. I think the Safe Walk Program is a good idea, but what about people walking to the campus from their cars? I think there should be a station of people for people walking from the parking lots.

Janet Lennox
Year 4 Spanish and French

No, I don't think that UVic is safe, but I walk by myself at night. I always have my keys and whistle in hand as I walk. I also walk fast and with confidence, not thinking that anything could happen to me. I take individual precautions, but I don't go out of my way to use the Safe Walk Program.

Kathy Baur
Year 4 Geography

No. Does something happen every day, no, but something has happened in the past. Does anyone keep any statistics on men who are attacked? On children? Generally, the



level of violence has increased in our society. Or should I say world wide? We are so close to the States.

Dietrich Bertz
Special Collections, McPherson Library

In relation to other universities, I think it is fairly safe. You have to watch out and use your common sense. I have friends at UBC, who are worried and have to watch out at night.

Lia MacFarlane
Year 1 Biology

In the daytime: Sure! I think it is a safe place for women, now, because of Traffic and Securities' Safe Walk Program. I don't think that anyone is stocking anyone or anything. When I was in rez in '89, I was scared. Somebody was terrorizing some women. But I feel it is safe now.

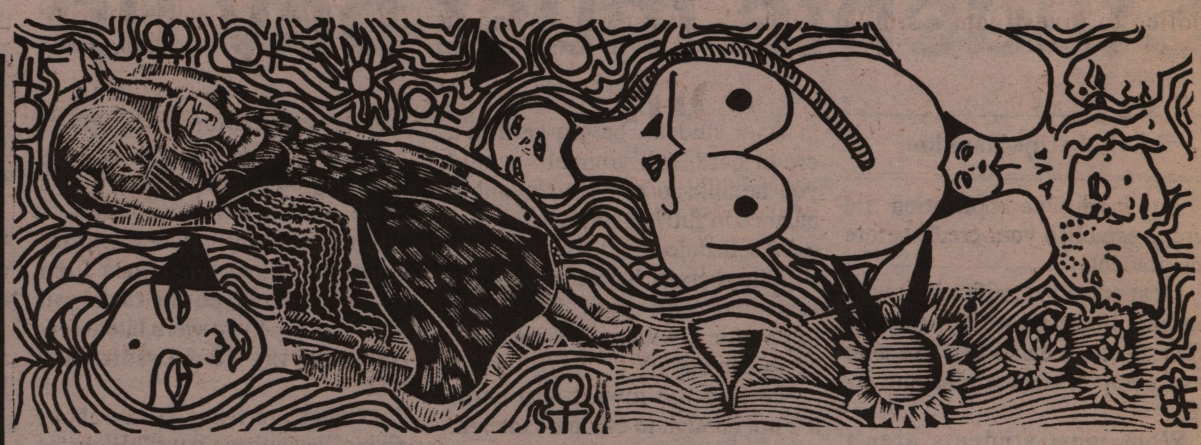
Jamie Copley
Year 4 Geography

Umm, I don't know. It's hard to say because I'm a guy. I'll say no, but it's hard to say. I feel safe on campus, but I suspect that many women do not. I'm concerned for my female friends, I do not like to see them walking alone at night. I think there should be more lighting on campus. A lot of paths are not lit at all.

Eric Zimmerman
Year 3 Computer Science

I've only been here for 2 weeks, but I think the Safe Walk Program makes it safer for women. If we take advantage of the Safe Walk Program, UVic can be a safe place for women. Women should take more advantage of the services available. I have some police background and I see a lot of women walking alone on campus at night, and I wonder why women don't take more advantage of the program.

Brian Cownden
Traffic and Security



Bookstore stocks controversial mags

by Liz Nash

The Campus Used Book Store is attempting a tricky balancing act between making money and upholding progressive values. At first glance they appear to be failing.

The new, very prominent magazine stand in the CUB harbors a large variety of mostly mainstream, readily available magazines and only a few alternative issues.

"I do not advocate censorship, but there is no need for them [mainstream magazines] to be sold in the CUB," said Kate Campbell who volunteers at the Women's Centre.

There is a regrettably large selection of `fashion and beauty' publications: Vogue, Elle, Cosmopolitan, Mademoiselle, Glamour, Mirabella, and Weight-Watchers. Also stocked are the equivalent men's magazines: GQ, Esquire, and Men's Journal.

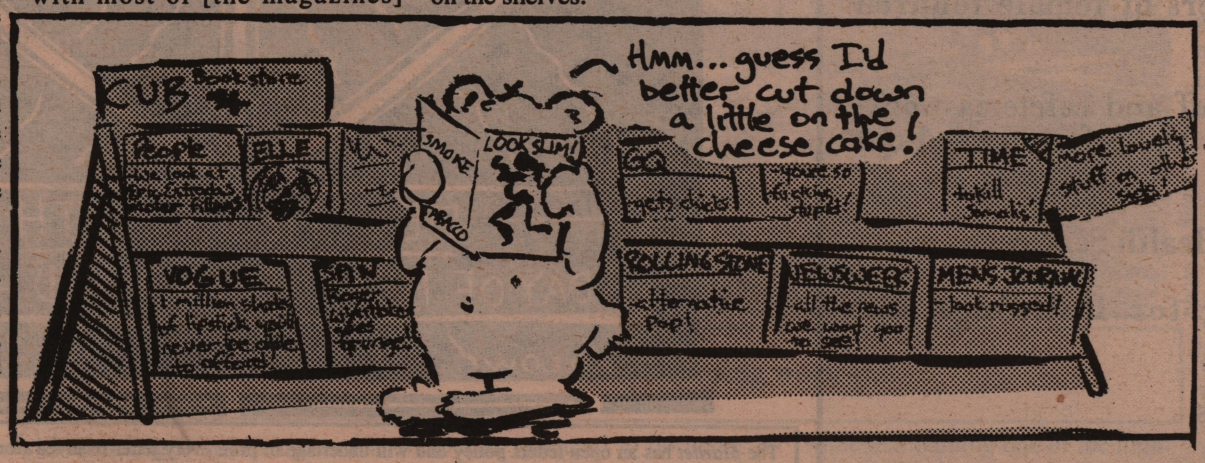
Campbell said these magazines, "Send out a negative message" as to what physical characteristics are acceptable in our society.

Rumors of a CUB boycott have rippled through the SUB, but Campbell said, "I personally think we should have some action . . . perhaps a letter writing campaign if people are concerned."

Angie Sorrell, assistant manager of the CUB, said, "I don't agree with most of [the magazines] myself." Sorrell is in charge of the magazine rack.

She has to reduce the economic losses of the CUB while trying to uphold a responsibility to students.

Sorrell said the distributor, Stan Wright, not the CUB, decides what is stocked, in exchange the CUB does not have to pay for unsold magazines. A magazine with poor sales will not reappear on the shelves.



The CUB has refused two misogynist magazines, B.C. Report and Playboy, but equally disturbing `fashion and beauty' propaganda remains on the shelves.

CUB workers, Kari Hewett and Nick Nolet said the CUB exists to provide a service to students and it's not CUB's place to censor material available to students.

However, the same high gloss crap is readily available thirty seconds away in the UVic Book Store and in every corner store and shopping complex in Victoria.

Nolet said, "Some of these magazines don't really belong on campus . . . they are rags," but it will take time to get rid of the `unwanted' issues.

Sorrell said she wants to stock more alternative magazines such as Utne Reader, Ms., and Z Magazine, but the bureaucracy of ordering and distribution is daunting.

Mainstream publications are much more accessible and "there is a faster turnover rate with magazines than there was with what was previously in that space," said Sorrell. That means less money held up in slow moving stock.

The CUB was started to offer students a budgetary break from the costs of new textbooks, but over the years the CUB's focus has shifted from serving students to turning a profit.❑

Women spread message on UVic with chalk

by Melissa Svendsen

A group of UVic women marked National Day of Action Against Violence against Women, Nov. 25, by chalking messages like "A women was assaulted here" and "Stop harassment now" on the ground.

Last year, UVic president David Strong called in Saanich police to investigate a similar chalking campaign.

Amid the resulting negative publicity, the case was dropped and Strong asked that he be told ahead of time about future chalking campaigns.

This year, the women left a message with his secretary before starting, and there has been no negative response.

The messages and images are intended to heighten awareness of violence against women, and the need to face it in order to deal with it pro-actively.

"Something like more lighting is not going to make it go away."

> The messages and images are intended to heighten awareness.

said one chalker. "It's a much bigger problem than that. So many people think of assault as someone jumping out of the bushes at you as you walk to your car.

"That's not the only, or even the most common, kind that occurs on campus."

The chalkers used "assault" in a broad sense, referring to verbal as well as physical violation.

"Women are verbally abused, physically grabbed, sometimes raped," said another chalker. "We wanted women students to know that the campus in general is not safe, and also that this must change."

A male bystander accused the chalkers of "fear-mongering," she said.

"He obviously didn't grow up a girl because growing up a girl my mother told me the same things we were chalking about, and she wasn't fear-mongering: She was talking common sense."❑

University women face increased chances of assault

by Simona Chiose,
The Varsity

TORONTO (CUP) - University-age women are three times more likely to have been assaulted physically or sexually during the past year, a Statistics Canada study found.

"Violence against women cuts across class and education lines," said Glenda Simms, president of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

"Education does not protect women. What this means is that our universities themselves are not protective environments for young women," said Simms.

This study is the most comprehensive to date, interviewing 12,300 women by telephone. 27 per cent of women between the ages of 18 and 24 said they had experienced physical or sexual violence in the last year.

The study also indicates that 21 per cent of women with a degree or some post-secondary education were assaulted in the last 12 months, compared to only 17 per cent of women who had completed secondary or high school education.

University of Toronto sexual harassment officer Paddy Stamp said it is difficult to explain why young women are being assaulted at rates high above the national average. However, she added that the findings are not surprising.

"This confirms statistics that have already been produced. We have known for some years that one in three women would experience sexual violence some time in their lives," said Stamp.

Simms cited a symposium organized by the council two years ago, where 17-year-old women reported being beaten by the men they were dating. She said the StatsCan survey is further evidence that most women experience violence at the hands of men they know.

Another study released earlier this year, which focused on dating behavior among women and men in universities, found that 28 per cent of the 1,835 women polled had been sexually abused or assaulted and 22 per cent had been physically abused by men they were dating.

The report also found that of the 1,307 men polled, 13 per cent said they had been physically abusive and 12 per cent admitted having been sexually abusive.

The recent Statistics Canada study confirms that most women who experience incidents of physical or sexual assault some time after the age of 16 have been assaulted by men known to them.

Only six per cent of the women who reported having been assaulted said the abuse came from a stranger.

"There is an inter-generational pattern of men who are violent towards women," Simms said. "It not just their fathers' generation that is violent. Young men are being socialized to think that this is normal."

Although Simms criticized the current study for not surveying women who speak languages other than English and French, she said it is still a useful tool.

"It's useful in that it confirms on a large scale what we have been saying for a long time."❑

Women honored on Dec.6

by Melissa Svendsen

A variety of events on campus will mark the anniversary of Montreal Massacre on Dec 6.

Classes will be cancelled from 11:30 to 1:00, so that faculty and students can attend a memorial ceremony in front of the MacLaurin Building.

Women from Transition House, the Women's Centre, the Graduate Student's Society, the Engineering Student's Society and the Faculty Women's Caucus will speak. After that the mike will be open to all women.

There will be a small women's choir and lighting of candles.

The Women's Centre will host an open house for both men and women from two until four in the SUB Upper Lounge. It will be "a kind of winding down after the memorial, where people can come and mingle and have coffee or tea," said Jacquie Crummey, one of the organizers.

For women who want to be alone with other women, there will be a similar function in the Women's Centre itself.

Crummey has organized an art show, "Survive/or Art... A Feminist Intra/spection," which will be shown in the foyer of University Centre on December 1,2,3 and 6.

"To be a woman in a patriarchal society is to be a survivor," she said.

A memorial service, "Towards Serenity and Hope for Healing" will be held at the Interfaith Chapel at 4:00.❑

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EDITORIAL

Despite the barriers women face in every aspect of campus life, we are making enormous strides academically, socially and politically.

Here are just some of our achievements:

* The election of Janetta Ozard as chair of the UVSS.

* Increasing numbers of female tenured professors.

* Women clerical staff and cafeteria workers who always have a smile for stressed-out students.

* Female doctors at Health Services.

* Women working for Buildings and Grounds.

* Day care on campus.

* The Women's Studies Department - 752 students this term and a free-standing degree program.

* Women's caucuses in Creative Writing, Political Science and other departments, caucuses which challenge patriarchal norms.

* Support networks for women in trouble for challenging patriarchal norms.

* Women who have been arrested in support of Clayoquot Sound, who find the strength within themselves to fight for the future.

* The Women's Umbrella Caucus.

* The Women's Centre!!

* The VIPIRG Body Image Committee.

* The Date and Acquaintance Rape Committee.

* The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance (the co-chair is a woman).

* Chalking campaigns - two years in a row!

* Women's Changing Images Conference

* Having Judy Rebick, past chair of The National Action Committee on the Status of Women, speak on dating violence last March.

* Having Sunera Thobani, current chair of NAC, speaking THIS MARCH!!

* Women's varsity teams (with funding equivalent to the men's teams).

* Cinecenta's pro-feminist Monday night films.

* *The Emily*, Canada's longest running student feminist paper.

* Women writers and editors of *the Essence*, *Vibes* and *the Martlet*.

* Women musicians, performers and artists.

* Classes cancelled from 11:30 to 1:00 on Dec.6. Remember to go to the memorial outside the MacLaurin building!

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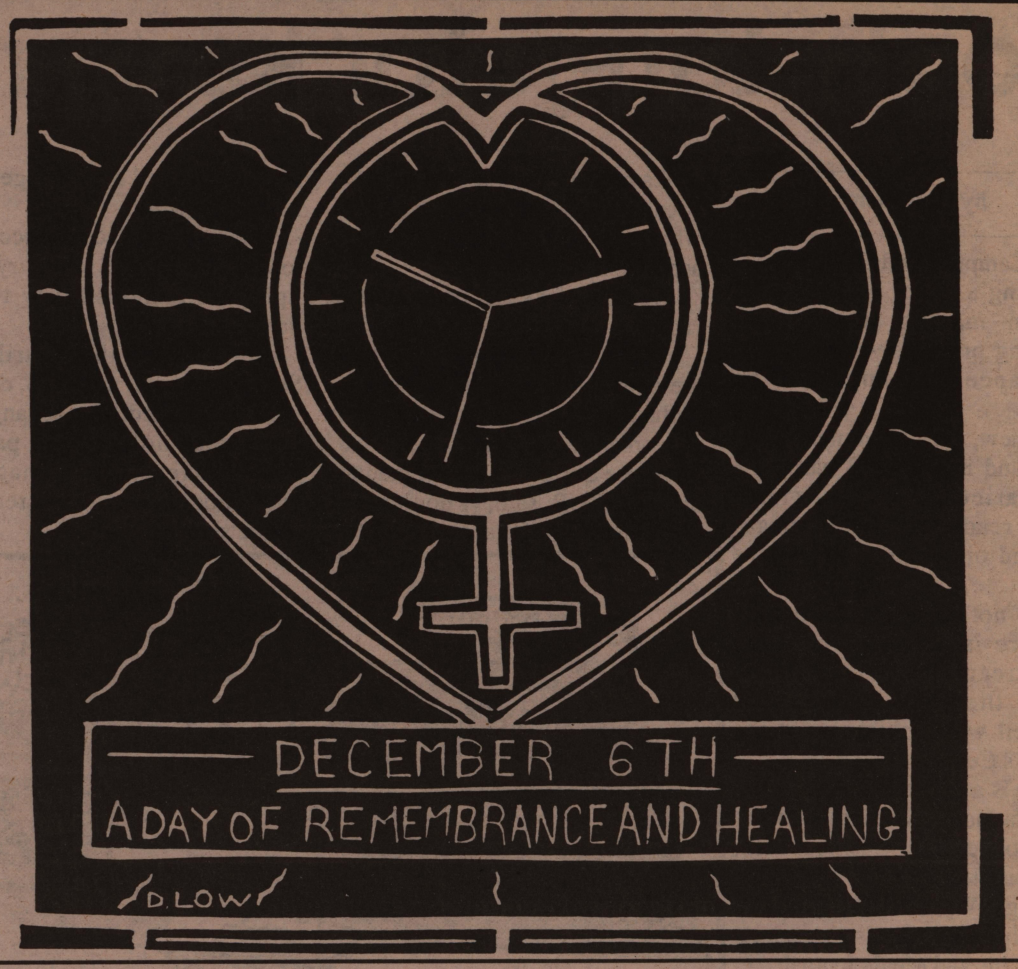

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No magic solution

Editors:

I would like to send a special thank you to the following for making the Student fall Recycling Contest and out-standing success: UVic Student Services, the McPherson Library, the Music Dept, the Book Store, Housing Services and Food Services. Your generous gifts brought smiles of joy to our many happy winners, and filled Friday's Recycling Depot with cans, bottles and plastics. Today, most students are aware of and involved in the residence recycling project. They have come to the conclusion that there is no recycling fairy and the only way to help save their environment is to REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE.

Louis Anthony Carveth
Residence Recycling Co-ordinator

Need for action

Editors:

Our transportation Awareness Week from 15 to 20 November was a successful first step in an on-going effort to highlight some realistic alternatives to single occupant automobile commuting. The UVic Transportation Task Force Report (June 93) makes numerous progressive recommendations about ways to accomplish a more environmentally-sustainable system in the area yet this report is currently sitting "idle" with the administration. If you want to pressure for action on these issues please sign the "Transportation Action Petition" located at the Resource Centre, VIPIRG and the General Office in the SUB—they will be up until 10 December at least. This is a co-operative presentation of the UVSS, VIPIRG, and the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition with help from BC Transit...thanks to everyone especially Gavin, Neil and Tirdad!

Kari Hewett

Tires take over

Editors:

Since the Mt Doug student newspaper, *the ECHO*, made the issue of the path across the school playing field a front page story, the School District has spent $600 to build a fence across the south end of the building. Cyclists and pedestrians on their way to U.Vic continue to ruin the field. Many have the audacity to actually ride across the field when sporting events are taking place!

Their elevated finger to the crowd who berate them is their only acknowledgement ...a disgusting one at that!

It seems amazing to me that the U.Vic intelligentsia which continues to use this short-cut cannot see the damage its laziness is causing. These same students will be the first to howl outrage when Mac Blo cuts down another old forest cedar. They will demand the government stop sacrificing the Agricultural Land Reserve for highway construction and wax eloquent on Third World problems like soil erosion, urbanisation and deforestation.

But, this is the age of the mountain bike! Its studded tires take the rider over terrain normally reserved for sportsmen and backpackers! The cyclists do not need paved roads. To use McKenzie Ave. or Laaval Road is simply a waste of twenty one gears on an aluminum frame.

Further irritating the students of Mt Doug, the fence which the School District has constructed at the end of the building (cost $600) has recently been cut. Prior to this, our cycling intellectuals had had to lift their bikes over the fence or stand the vehicle on its rear wheel to negotiate the space provided. Heck! Now they can just wheel it through the broken fence.

I sincerely hope that a few of these cyclists and pedestrians will read this letter and change their route! Judging by the reaction we have had to date, however, I am sadly skeptical and extremely disappointed.

Stu Barber
Vice-Principal, Mt Doug Senior Secondary School

Tax burden

Editors:

In a recent article in *the Globe and Mail* an astounding group of observations, recently compiled by Statistics Canada, was released for us weep over. The Survey of Family Expenditures, which regularly monitors what we Canadians spend our money on, revealed, that personal income taxes have risen by 42 per cent from 1986 to 1992 while inflation was just 28 per cent over the same period. The survey showed that the largest portion of family is attributable to shelter - accounting for 22.4 per cent of total spending after taxes. However, taxes accounted for 20.3 percent of household expenditures, well ahead of food (15.7% - down from 17.5% years earlier), clothing (6.1% - down form 12.0% in 1969), and transportation (15.6%). The most aggravating information I read was that the number of income earners per family is continuing to rise, we are working longer hours, and many Canadians are holding more then one job to make ends meet.

Is it any surprise then that, despite lower interest rates, Canadians are not buying more homes or cars? We just don't have any money to spend anymore. One does not need to be an economist to figure out that the tax burden is overwhelming and that the quality of service that we receive for our tax dollars has deteriorated. Mr. Anderson and other Liberal ministers should take a minute and think hard about the average Canadian prior to the next budget. Gentlemen, please, don't perpetuate the stalled economy and, by all means, don't over-spend us into oblivion. Just give us a break - let us start to breath a bit.

Gordon A. Hamilton

Ageism not welcome

Editors:

I would like to comment on your editorial "Old School, New Values." I do not wish to discourage you or anyone else from demanding quality teaching. I agree that evaluation of teaching

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Quote of the week:

"I am the embodiment of a perfect human"

by Richard Janecky (typical male)

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is appropriate, and that there should be sanctions for proper teaching.

As a recent recipient of a 25-year pin (I still make quite a bit less than $100,000 though,) I was somewhat taken aback to be classified as an "old fart" and told I was "fossilizing."

This doesn't match my experience at all. As Director of the Learning and Teaching Centre, I know that older members of faculty as well as younger ones attend our workshops, read our collection of materials on teaching and participate in discussions about how to improve their teaching. None of them have (in front of me, at least) shown such disrespect for their students as to call them "young farts."

I do not mean to suggest that all is rosy in post-secondary education at UVic or elsewhere. I think most of my colleagues do their best, and I don't think ageist prejudices against one group or another of them have the slightest validity. I think that often the best-paid, because the best researchers, are among the best teachers as well.

I wish you well in your campaign to improve teaching, and invite any of your readers who want to know more about how the faculty works to improve it to ask for a copy of our annual report, or call me at 721-7366. I also invite any student who would like an opportunity to tell faculty what they need to hear to get in touch with me or with Barbara Judson at 721-8571 before January 15. We would like to set up a discussion session for faculty with a student panel some time in mid-February.

John Greene
Director, Learning and Teaching Centre

Find alternative

Editors:

The students and administration at Mt. Doug school have been facing a rather difficult problem. Due to pedestrians walking and riding across our field it is gradually becoming defaced. We would greatly appreciate it if the public would find an alternate route in which to travel around the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jennifer Campbell
Public Relations Coordinator
Mount Douglas Secondary

Dedicated individuals

Editors:

In response to the November 18th, 1993, *Martlet* article, "Money needs to change hands", I would like to comment on the quality of University of Victoria's Athletic Program. UVic's Athletics and Recreational Sevices department has produced many high quality athletic programs since it's establishment of the University's Athletic Policy in 1978. The University of Victoria is known across Canada as an institution committed to excellence in all aspects of it's athletic program.

Since 1980, UVic student athletes have won 24 Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) national Championships in eight sports. Forty-seven UVic athletes and five UVic coaches have represented Canada at the 1984, 1988, and 1992 Olympic Games. Recently, 15 UVic student athletes were named to the CIAU 1992-3 Royal Bank Academic All - Canadians. In order to qualify, student athletes must maintain full-time status and a minimum sessional average of 80% while competing for their institution as a varsity athlete. During the past summer at the World Student Games in Buffalo, New York, twenty-three athletes and coaches from the University of Victoria represented their country in Canada's most successful University Games. UVic athletes played a significant role in the success of many sports, reinforcing the University's reputation of developing excellence in athletics.

The UVic coaching staff consists of thirteen dedicated individuals, seven of whom are either current or former national team leaders and are all committed to assisting student athletes reach their maximum potential both academically and athletically. This commitment is exemplified by the fact that the University of Victoria has been designated by Sport Canada as a High Performance Training Center for the sports of Rowing and Middle Distance Running.

Athletics and Recreational Services and the University of Victoria is committed to continuing to support individual student athletes in fulfilling their academic and athletic goals.

Patty Schmidt
Coordinator of Athletics

Confidence diregarded

Editors:

RE: "School fights accusation of racism" *The Martlet*, November 4, 1993)

There are various errors and confusions in your report about Mr. Alex Jamieson's harassment complaints against the School of Social Work.

First, the various specific allegations made by Mr. Jamieson against faculty members in the School have been examined in accordance with the *Harassment Policy* and Procedures. At no stage of examination was any of the allegations sustained.

Second, Section 14 of the *Harassment Policy* requires that the Report of the Hearing Panel be maintained in confidence. This requirement was drawn to Mr. Jamieson's attention. He has chosen to disregard it; I cannot do so, nor should any other member of the University.

Finally, the general recommendations respecting the School made by the Hearing Panel are being reviewed and will be addressed. Mr. Jamieson has requested a degree that he has not earned. In any case, the President has no authority to grant that request. The *University Act* grants the authority for the granting of degrees to the Senate on the recommendations of the Faculties.

Samuel. E. Scully
Vice-President Academic and Provost

Social work against racism

Editors:

I am writing in response to your article of November 4th, 1993 concerning accusations of racism. We live in a society and community that discriminates against those of its members whose background and cultures that differ from the majority. The university is not immune from such discrimination, but I want your readers to know that the School of Social Work is fully committed to eradicating discrimination, including racism wherever it exists. The school has made this goal a priority for itself. Our achievements include:

* A commitment in the university calendar to a "BSW curriculum stressing and analysis of power differences related to gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, class, abilities and sexual orientation".

* The admission over the last three years of approximately 100 First Nation students who are studying for the University of Victoria BSW degree (principally in off-campus programs).

* The introduction of a required course, Soc. W. 354 *First Nations* and the *Human Services.*

* The use of *Anti-Racist Social Work* by Lena Dominelli as a required text in Social Work Practice.

* The establishment of a committee of faculty, staff and student to discuss and act on all issues of equity and fairness in the school.

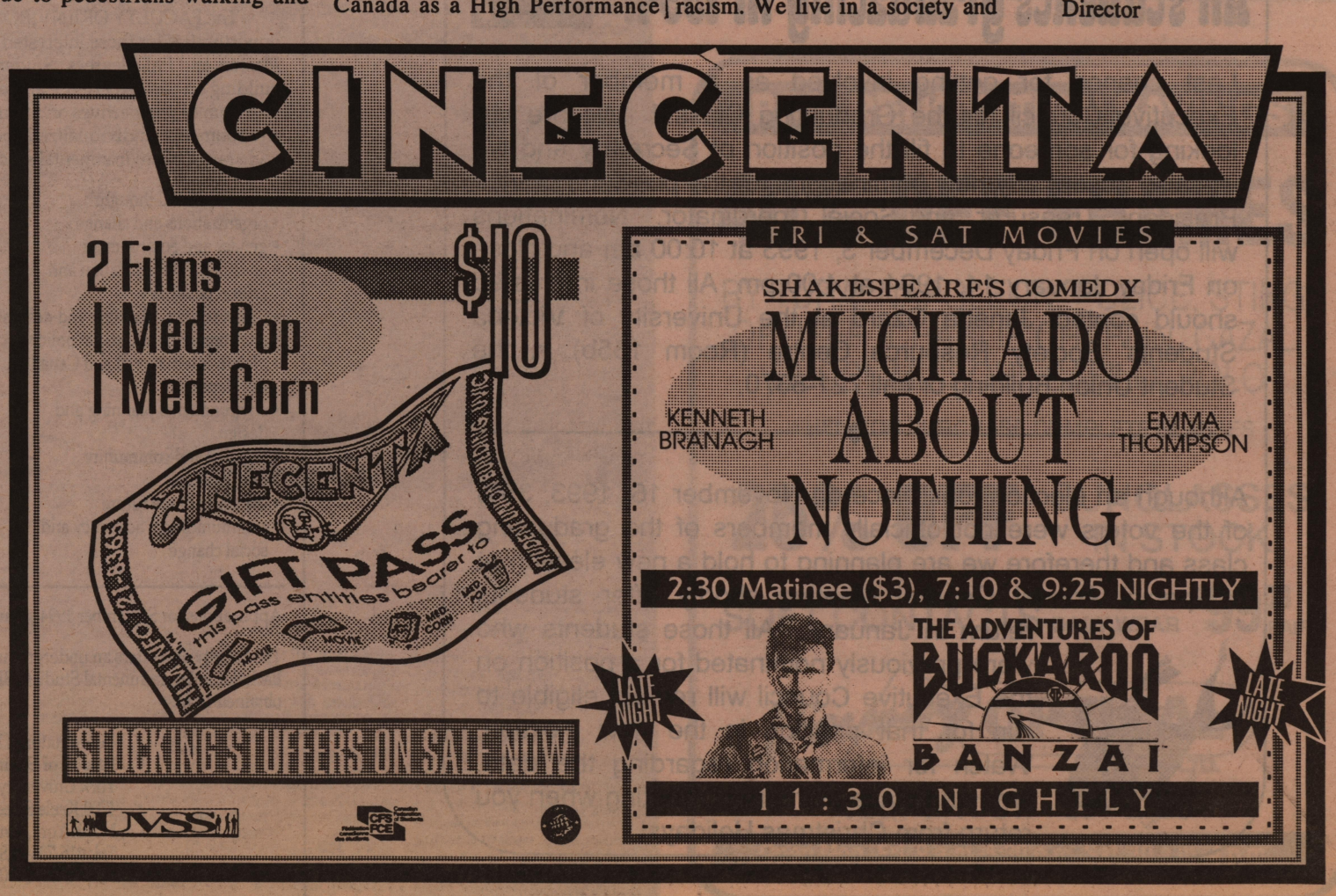
* The hiring of two First Nations members of faculty, one tenure track and one as a visitor.

* A commitment that the next tenure track position available to the School will be used for another First Nations member of faculty.

This is not to deny there is more that could be done and the School has expressed its support for the establishment within the University of a First Nations studies department. We would also agree that anti-racism training has great value and should be available throughout the University.

In summary the school welcomes scrutiny, advice and comment from any member of the University community. It seeks understanding of its anti-racist objectives for social work practice along with a commitment to the wider objective of eliminating racist thought or practice wherever it is found in the University and community.

Andrew Armitage
Director



we remember

We Remember December 6, 1989

On the evening of Dec. 6, 1989, I was studying for my 200A Women's Studies exam when my daughter burst in and told me a whole bunch of women had been murdered in Montreal. I didn't believe her. We went and watched the T.V. for a while until I told her I couldn't deal with it now, I had to study for my exam. I shut myself down, I split into a different reality. I refused to think at all.

The next day, terrified and numb I went to my exam in UVic auditorium. Everyone looked upset. I remember all the WS professor's faces reflecting how we all felt. I was sure someone was going to come into the gymnasium and kill us. There we were, all the feminists set out in three rows. The next thing I remember was watching the funeral on T.V. and crying for hours. I was afraid to go out anywhere. I felt overwhelming grief for the fourteen women, their family, and for all of us. Our innocence was taken away forever.
Karen Ballinger, graduate

I don't think I will ever fully understand how I feel about the December 6th massacre of 14 women. It was this act that made me realize how deeply entrenched sexism is in our society, how it invades every facet of life and is inescapable. Although I cannot remember the stories and newscasts about the massacre, I have an image in my mind of the men and women in the class being divided into separate groups and, similar to the images I have about the jewish holocaust, I can see a madman pulling the trigger on these innocent women. My soul shudders every time I imagine this, and I'm caught between emotions which make me stand up screaming for justice and those which make me cry.
Sean Simmons

fourteen women

It was a sunny morning and I was doing my stretches and listening to Morningside on the CBC. Peter Gzowski was reading a letter from a women reminiscing about crossing the US/Canada border as a child. His voice faded out and the news conference came on.

That night on the Journal, Barbara Frum asked why everyone thought Marc Lepine's act was specifically targeted at women. When someone goes on a shooting rampage in a school yard, does that mean he or she hates kids?

I wanted to throw a rock through the TV screen.
Melissa Svendsen

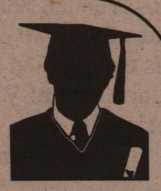
On Dec.6, 1989 a friend from Montreal called me describing the horror that took place. She was so terrified of the whole situation that she desperately wanted to leave. I just couldn't believe how someone could inflict such pain.
Paul Nanton

fourteen women

My friend's Dad asked me if I lived near Montreal. Seven hours away I said. Oh, you probably won't know any of them then. Got some real crazies there. He pushed the newspaper towards me. The picture on the cover was ambulance attendants running with a stretcher. Inside it said fourteen women killed at a university in Montreal. They didn't even say which one. No names.

One month later I came back to Canada. In Australia, it had been news for one day. But I had been waiting to come home and know what had happened. My friends had lived for a month with the knowledge of fourteen dead women assaulting them every day. I don't know if I am lucky I lived for a month free of that knowledge.
Calinda Brown, 24

Attention:
All students graduating in 1994?



Last chance for getting involved as a member of the Executive Council for the Graduating Class!!! We are still looking for someone to fill the position of Secretary and we will also accept any new nominations for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Social Coordinator. Nominations will open on Friday December 3, 1993 at 10:00 am and close on Friday January 14, 1994 at 4:00 pm. All those interested should contact Janetta Ozard at the University of Victoria Students' Society Resource Centre (Room 135b) in the Student Union Building or call 721-8370.

Although an election took place on November 16, 1993, 35% of the voters were not officially members of the graduating class and therefore we are planning to hold a new election at a Special Annual General Meeting shortly after students return in January. All those students who were previously nominated for a position on the Executive Council will remain eligible to run for that position in the new election. Watch for information regarding the date, time and place of the next meeting when you return from Christmas Holidays!

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we remember

December 6th, 1989, does not register in my memory. I do remember many of my older female friends talking about it in angry and frightened tones. Personally, I couldn't make the connection between 14 confident women and the overwhelming desire to kill.

I do remember the day that year my Grade 10 science teacher learned a shocking lesson. He had a tendency to speak only to the boys in our class, whom he considered to be potential scientists. He was also fond of telling horrible jokes, often at the expense of women or particular female students in the class.

My lab partner and I, sick of his degradation, formed a secret society called H.A.S.S.L.E. (Hupeople against Sexist Scientific Laboratory Experimentation). By coming up with new slogans and speaking out against his jokes, we were able to emotionally keep this chauvinist at bay.

Once, when our experiment wasn't working due to a malfunction of the equipment, we called him over to our bench. "Well, MISS Zaenker," he sneered, in that not-so-funny jokey tone, "so you think you know what's wrong, eh?" He proceeded to show me that it was not the equipment, but my manipulation of it that was faulty. Suddenly he received a huge electric shock that knocked the wind right out of him. As soon as he got his wits together again, he blamed me for deliberately intending the shock. Poor man, I thought smugly, if only he would take me seriously and check the wiring.

It was both a defeat that he didn't acknowledge my understanding of the microscope, and a victory that Fate had delivered him the punishment he deserved.
anita zaenker

The news reinforced the attitude: Lepine was sick, psychotic, 'insane'. I heard this constantly, over and over. On Dec 6, 1989, I rejected this 'insanity' rhetoric and I still do.

Certainly he was sick. Certainly he hated women. Out-of-control and irrational, too. But that's now where the story ends. Far from being an isolated act of 'insanity', the violence of Dec 6 represents an extreme of what every single male in society is socialized to be: not as deadly killers per se, but as males with assumed superiority and privilege over women. It's disturbing. It's ugly. It's real. It's also easy to deny. Labelling his violence as random and deviant is a smaller task than it is to look within ourselves, as men to find the source of violence against women and ultimately, disturbingly, the violence of Marc Lepine as well. No wonder most men denied, and still deny, the connection of the events of Dec 6, 1989 to 'normalized' society. No wonder we see him as the sole source of the violence on that day. No wonder we cling to our fragile masculine identities, a male culture of learned aggression combined with subordination of women. No wonder we don't want to take responsibility for the society that we all create. No wonder male violence against women continues.
Jerry Walton, 30.

I am slicing oranges. The radio is vague. "A man has shot and killed many women at a university in Montreal." Zoey is at McGill. Zoey, Zoey, Zoey, Zoey are you okay I'm crying oranges are onions.

Suzanne Hodges, 21

December 6th 1989, my mother came home from her work at the physics engineering department of U.B.C. with the news which had spread like wild fire in her department. A man had killed 14 women, because they were Women. When she told me about it I was more than a little surprised, I wanted to write it off like it was just something that happened to someone else, but what scared me was that this could have happened at my mom's work place. It hit home. I wanted to believe that things like this just didn't really happen. But it did happen, it might happen again.

I'd like to think the world is becoming a better place... slowly but surely we will lose our prejudice and learn to respect all of our differences; gender, race, sexual orientation and religion.
Michael Gaylord

fourteen women murdered for being women

fourteen women

On December 6, 1989 I was still at Langara in Vancouver. I was at school when I heard about the murder of the women at l'Ecole Polytechnique. I was in my teacher's office and he was listening to CBC radio. We heard the news together; he with a daughter at McGill and me with a close friend at Concordia. The news report didn't state which school the murders had happened at. We looked at each other, speechless. I left his office so that he could call his daughter. I remember that I just stood in the hall way and wept.
Sanna Solecki, 28.

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Time for giving

Editors:

The Christmas season is approaching and it is the time we are all encouraged to give. We would like to thank Dino and all the others who gave their time and considerable efforts to organize a dance in the early part of 1993 to raise funds for a memorial scholarship fund for our dearly loved oldest son and brother, Mark Mitenko, who died in November, 1992, or Hodgkin's disease. Mark was honoured at the 1992 Convocation Ceremony when we were presented with this honours degree in Science.

When we were informed of the purpose of the dance we were astounded and humbled that so many young people should do so much in Mark's memory. It is directly because of your efforts that the Mark Mitenko Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to an outstanding student in Calculus and Physics who is entering second year.

Thank you so much for this gift. It is a wonderful legacy.

Paul and Donna, Hugh, David, Sarah, and Andrew Mitenko

Too much to ask

Editors:

One might begin to wonder what is motivating math professors, coast to coast, to profess such a deep lack of understanding of violence against women. In his letter to *The Ring* (Nov.12/93), Charles Burton, laments the cancellation of two class time slots in order to accommodate the Dec. 6 vigil to be held on campus. He claims the Senate has, "...half way through this term, simply eliminated the last day of classes without any acknowledgment of the resulting problems".

Instead of blaming the Senate for acting thoughtlessly, one might question why Scheduling personnel did not take into account the fact that the Dec. 6 vigil would indeed happen again this year. Prof. Burton's comparison of how the University Administration acted with considerable foresight in planning around the Commonwealth Games illustrates how seriously this University regards violence against women.

Professor Burton claims that instead of canceling classes, students and instructors could individually negotiate using class time to attend the vigil. This would put students at the whim of professors who may or may not fully understand the importance of this vigil. I have yet to hear a professor complain that all classes are canceled on Nov. 11 to honour those killed in (recognized) war.

We feel badly that Professor Burton and others are to be inconvenienced on Dec. 6 for two hours. We feel somewhat more strongly about the 'inconvenience' felt by the fourteen women slaughtered in Montreal on Dec. 6, 1989. We also feel quite strongly for the inconvenience suffered by women on this and other campuses when they fear for their safety, in and out of classes, all 365 days of the year. Most of all, we feel puzzled that two hours of remembering and recognizing violence against women seems like too much to ask.

Date Rape and Dating Violence Education Project

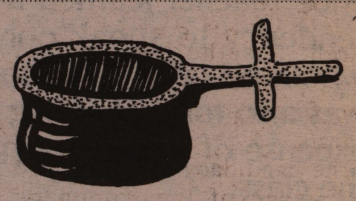
Blunt comments

Editors:

I am writing in reply to the letter entitled "A Vulgar World" which appeared in the November 25 *Martlet*. I am a friend of the womyn who wrote the letter and I know she did not withhold her name from the letter. The text of her letter was misprinted. It should have read "We have the money to take the classes and even get the degrees, but that is really secondary when you consider that we are not learning anything." In addition, *The Martlet* did not run the drawing reffered to in the letter. The full force of the letter was therefore blunted. In making those changes, the editors of the *Martlet* meant to protect the author, and (by omitting the photograph included, of a drawing in the library men's room, which showed a womyn bound and gagged), to protect all womyn. By withholding the author's name, misprinting the text, and not showing the drawing, the *Martlet* has made this womyn's voice less effective. *The Martlet* is supposed to be a forum for our views, not a censor. How does it do womyn good to pretend that the drawing isoutthere? As a man, I feel that womyn's outrage to injustices should be heard. Revolting, objectifying graffiti should be exposed for what it is, not hidden away, in hopes that it will go away.

Blair MacDonald

Editor's note:
We witheld the name of the author of "A Vulgar World" because the information we received with the letter indicated that is what the author wished to happen.



Half-baked equality

Editors:

Recently, in my capacity as Humanities Rep. on the Course Union Council, I contacted a number of course unions with ideas for fund-raising. My ideas included dances, coffee mugs, and bake sales. These ideas were all warmly welcomed with the exception of the bake sale. The Women's Studies Course Union contact Jacqueline Crummey explained that they did not feel that a bake sale would be appropriate because it was like forcing women back into the kitchen. At first I thought this was a strange objection until I checked with some of the other course unions. Of the seven course unions I spoke with, women provided about 90% of the goods sold at the bake sales. At the other course union, the baked goods were purchased from a baker. Now comes the big surprise, the executive who arranged for the purchase was a woman.

The reality is that many men still feel that baking is a woman's task. This sort of subtle sexism is pervasive. But if true equality is ever to be achieved, each of us must examine our own actions.

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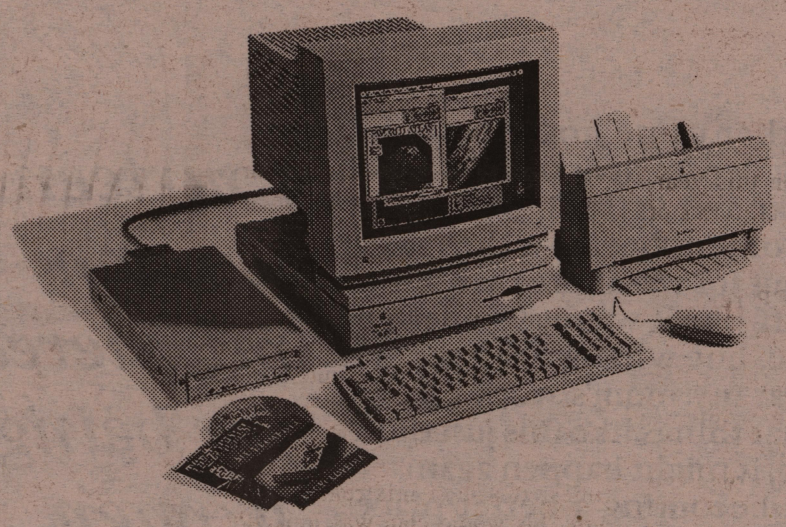

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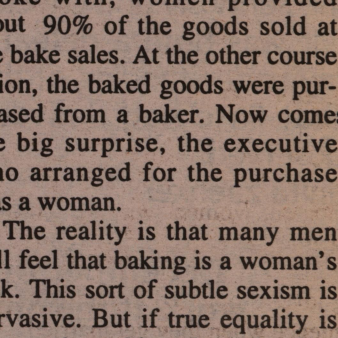

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Africa sees changes for women

by Rumbidzai Katedza,
The McGill Daily

MONTREAL (CUP) - Last March, Lesotho had its first female presidential candidate ever in its first democratic election in 23 years.

The candidacy of Limakatso Ntakatsane of the Koponang Basotho Party represented a major step for women in the region.

The fact that she did not win, however, implies how unwilling the political structures of southern Africa are to accept women in positions of power.

Women have always been at the forefront of anti-racist and anti-colonialist movements in southern Africa, yet they are still discriminated against.

Tired of being treated as second-class citizens in their own homelands, women are now fighting gender battles to overturn patrilineal laws and ingrained sexism.

The numbers are minimal, but they are a start.

In southern Africa, the revolution is just beginning though the struggle has always existed. A new culture of women is emerging in the cities of the region. They are women who have moved to urban centres, women who are getting educated, women who are delaying marriage in order to pursue careers, and women who are seeking love as opposed to family convenience when they get married.

These women are strongly opposed to the assumed rights of husbands to beat their wives and 'keep' several girl friends. However, male opposition is rife because a liberated woman could mean no more lazy days on the couch for many an African man.

In many traditional societies of southern African, a woman is not free to map her own future. Before marriage her life was led by her father. Once married, the woman did not become independent, because she then had to respect and obey her husband.

The traditional inheritance laws in southern Africa leave widows in a very bad position. When her husband dies, everything she has built with him can be taken away by his family, even the children.

However, women in southern Africa can now fight back in courts of law and win. Customary laws made sense in their historical context, but today many people see that tradition can be adapted to fit a changing world.

FIGHTING THE GOVERNMENT IN BOTSWANA

Unity Dow, a woman from Botswana who married an American man, wanted her children to take her citizenship. The nation's patrilineal citizenship law, she contended, violated her constitutional rights. The courts agreed.

This was a great victory for women in Botswana, but the joy was short-lived. It has already been a year since the ruling and the government has not amended that law.

In the midst of this, politicians are saying that a referendum may be held to entrench sexual discrimination in the constitution! Even the attorney-general argued that the country's forefathers intended a bias against women. He also maintained that the legal system is rightfully designed to preserve male dominance.

Fortunately, the Court of Appeals quashed the attorney-general's arguments, saying that sexual discrimination is unconstitutional.

The lack of education of people in rural areas has continuously been used as a tool to maintain sexual oppression. Many women do not realize that they can vote and that they can take the government, as well as their husbands, to court.

A FIRST FOR WOMEN IN LESOTHO

Lesotho's female presidential candidate indicated how some views are changing, even to the extent of influencing other parties policies.

When the Basotholand Congress Party (BCP) was elected into office earlier on this year, they promised to end all forms of discrimination. Women were to attain legal equality but, on the other hand, the BCP reforms would do nothing to alter questionable traditions.

Legal reform is an important factor in improving women's lives. Women in Law in Southern Africa is an organization helping to improve the legal status of women in the region. As well as educating women on their rights, it supplies data for governments to consider in legal reforms.

MILESTONE FOR WOMEN IN NAMIBIA

When Namibia gained its independence from South Africa in 1989 the new government adopted a constitution prohibiting sexual discrimination and allowing affirmative action. Unfortunately, to this day this achievement is still only on paper.

It is like a stab in the back for women. They served as the backbone to the wars of liberation in the region and are still doing so in South Africa. Today they serve as the backbone of southern African economies, working thanklessly in the fields, in the home, and in the workplace to support their nations.

In the Namibian National Assembly, five out of 72 seats are held by women. The numbers are minimal, but they are a start. Women want better representation in government and they want to reap the possible harvests of a post-colonial era.

Women have always been at the forefront...

COMBATTING SEXUAL ABUSE IN ZAMBIA

Zambia also has women in top government positions. There are three in cabinet, but their influence is limited. The constitution states that discrimination against women is permissible under customary law.

Such groups as the YWCA and the National Women's Lobby have taken on a campaign against rape, battery and abuse. Statistics released by the YWCA showed that four out of every ten women in Zambia are physically beaten and in every ten women, four are mentally abused by their partners.

Many men contend that African custom permits spouse abuse. This view stems from the notion of bride price and the commercialization of this tradition. Bride price used to be a token fee paid to the parents of the bride to thank them for bringing up their daughter. Today, bride price can range from anywhere between $1000 and $30000.

Consequently, many people insist that this practice allows for violence against 'purchased' women.

However, this is a misinterpretation of customary laws. Tradition does not allow men to beat their wives. In pre-capitalist times, if a man mistreated his wife, his whole clan was looked down upon and ostracized.

ZIMBABWE'S WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP

There are several women's organizations mushrooming up around southern Africa. There are currently over 70 in the region. One such group is the Harare-based Women's Action Group (WAG).

Amongst other things, WAG pushes for changes in attitudes of court officials who delay the procedure for settling maintenance fees for divorced women. Many women are left penniless after divorce because they have neither education nor skills.

Several self-help programs for women in these situations have been created by WAG. Women are encouraged to get an education and learn a trade.

WAG has also devised programs "to educate both men and women on the differences between customary and civil marriages," and "to clarify the customary law on inheritance to strengthen the rights of widows."

The WAG awareness campaign has started to penetrate rural areas, where 82 per cent of the country's five million women live. Fear is the greatest obstacle that has to be overcome for women to progress in southern Africa. Many women are afraid of defying their husbands or of violating their own culture. But once fear is overcome, women emerge stronger. In Mozambique, for example, more women than ever are applying to law courts for spousal benefits.

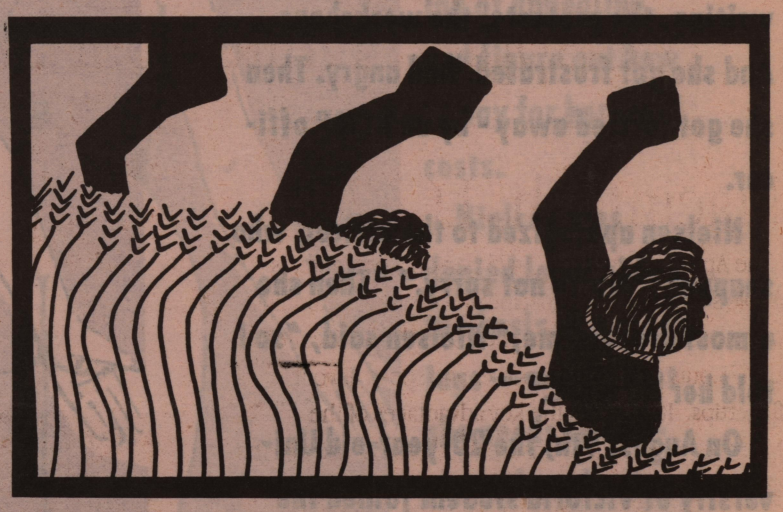
CHANGES IN SOUTH AFRICA

The 1992 United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, and five other U.N. conventions concerning women, were signed after continuous lobbying by the Women's Bureau of South Africa. Currently, the Women's National Coalition is soliciting thousands of women of different races for input on South Africa's first women's rights charter.

Within the African National Congress, women have been demanding more of a say in the current negotiations, as well as within the party. In the talks going on in South Africa's World Trade Centre, it is now compulsory for each of the 26 delegations to have at least one woman participating.

Women, who comprise the majority in South Africa, are working to ensure that gender imbalances and racial injustices are redressed simultaneously. If they do not guarantee their inclusion in the current reforms, they will later have to engage in new battles against former allies, just as their sisters are doing in the rest of the region.

They know that supporting racial liberation alone is never enough.❑



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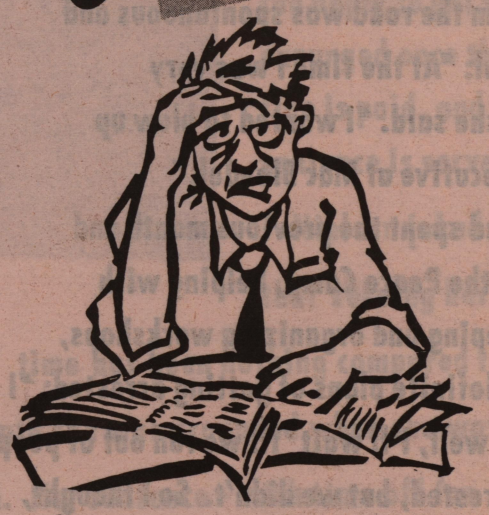

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In the Eye of the Storm

One Woman's Experience of Electronic Monitoring

by Jennifer Moni

The Martlet **spoke to Clayoquot protester Lesley Nielsen in her Fernwood home on November 11, the eleventh day of her electronic-monitoring sentence. Twenty-four hours-a-day, she was tracked by a small metal collar fastened to her ankle.**

She hadn't planned on getting arrested that day.

Lesley Nielsen was sitting on the logging road, thinking about all the letter writing, the protests, the workshops... And she got frustrated. And angry. Then she got carried away - by an RCMP officer.

Nielsen apologized to the officer, who snapped "You're not sorry." "Then she almost dropped me," Nielsen said, "so I told her I'd walk."

On August 9th, the 20-year-old University of Victoria student joined the over 800 people arrested for blockading the logging road to Clayoquot Sound.

After years of dedication to the environmental movement, Nielsen was angry at the lack of change. Her decision not to move from the road was spontaneous and emotional: "At the time I was very angry," she said. "I wanted to blow up every executive at Mac Bloedel."

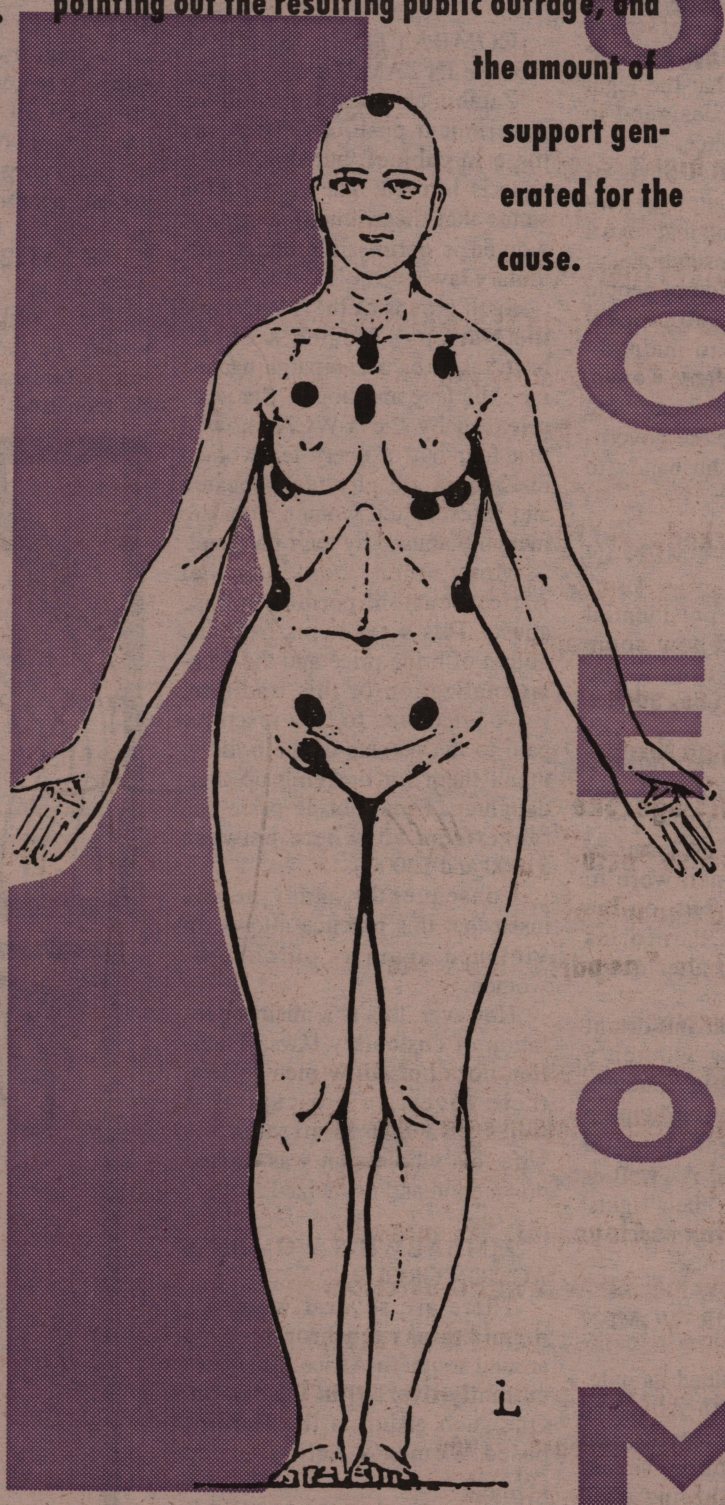
She had spent the previous month and a half at the Peace Camp, helping with peacekeeping and organizing workshops, with no definite plans of getting arrested: "I thought, well, I'll wait 'til we run out of people to get arrested, but we didn't. So I thought, maybe I won't bother, it's not imperative."

Nielsen was concerned that an arrest would restrict future travel, and her studies at UVic, where she is a Creative Writing and Environmental Studies major. But her rage against apathy won out: "You're so small but there's this mass of people. You're trying to scream above the dull hum of apathy."

Nielsen has little patience for apathy. She understands people not wanting to get arrested, but said "I'm bitter about apathetic people, people who don't give a shit." She added: "It doesn't have to be about Clayoquot."

Nielsen hasn't regretted her actions for a second. Not even in the wake of Judge Bouck's harsh sentences for the first group of protesters. The fifty arrestees were sentenced to a minimum of 45 days in jail, and at least a $1,000 fine.

"I was angry, yeah. Shocked," said Nielsen, about the judgment. "I was amazed they could get away with it. Then I was glad," she said, pointing out the resulting public outrage, and the amount of support generated for the cause.



Nielsen joked that Bouck is a "closet sympathizer" to the cause, because of the sympathetic public reaction against his draconian sentencing. "But then, he's the one that keeps renewing the injunction," she admitted.

The court order that protects MacMillan Bloedel's logging operations in the area from interference has been renewed seven times since 1991, when it was granted in the company's civil suit against a small group of blockaders.

Nielsen described Bouck as "a very biased man. But he's done us a great service. A lot of people woke up."

Nielsen herself was wide awake to the possibility of having to serve jail time. "I committed the `crime' and I knew the consequences. You have to be willing to take the consequences," she said.

Nielsen faced the consequences with the second group of protesters, tried under Judge Richard Low. The November 1st sentences amounted to half that of the previous group - 21 days in prison, and a $500 fine.

Low attributed the lesser sentences to the second group's conduct in court which Low characterized as respectable and dignified.

"It defeats the purpose, getting angry at the court," said Nielsen. Clayoquot has to be at the forefront, she stressed, "to change the decision and save the forest."

In Judge Low's address to the group, he said they were not criminals - not people leading lives of crime - but people who had committed a criminal act that had to be punished.

Nielsen's punishment was three weeks of electronic monitoring, through the small band attached to her ankle. Monitoring amounts to a form of house arrest, with arrestees able to leave for "permitted outside activities," such as work, or, in Nielsen's case, class and school-related activities.

"It's a very emotional and psychological experience," said Nielsen of the monitoring. "I was very upset the first couple of days. It was a very strange sense of oppression - you're being tracked.

"There's a thing on your ankle and every time it bumps you remember the invisible authority, but then you get used to it." Nielsen found her acceptance disturbing: "It's a scary human thing, getting used to things."

Nielsen had mixed reactions to being monitored instead of serving jail time. "Monitoring has been a personal invasion," she reflected, "It adds a subliminal, yet powerful authority over you."

Jail would be unpleasant, she said, but wouldn't become incorporated into a person's very existence, and home - "their place of security."

Electronic-monitoring regulations also provide for surprise visits: inspectors have dropped by Nielsen's home twice.

Although she was relieved not to have to miss school, Nielsen said she would have found jail interesting: "As a writer, I would really kind of liked to go to jail as an independent study of jail life."

She hasn't been getting much writing done during her time at home: "I thought I'd get a lot of work done, but no."

Nielsen has had lots of visitors, including a Chilean TV crew. "They were funny," she said. "They were doing a video on logging practices in B.C."

Media attention has been another consequence of the monitoring sentence, including having her picture on the front page of *The Vancouver Sun*. Giving interviews gets annoying, she said, but she's willing to do it "for the sake of education."

The Clayoquot issue and arrests have received massive national and international coverage. "The media has been alternately the worst part and the saving grace of the campaign," said Nielsen.

She noted media polarization, both in terms of "massive support," and in terms of those who "have tried to marginalize us, to show us as reactionary hippies." Nielsen dismissed the 'welfare bum' stereotype applied to Clayoquot protesters: "They haven't acknowledged the diversity of people."

Others have deemed the protesters future heroes, comparing them to leaders of past popular movements. The concept of being a future hero makes Nielsen laugh, but she sees the movement on the whole as heroic.

"I don't consider myself a hero, or a martyr. When people say that - I 'm glad they think we've done a good thing. I was just doing what I had to do, and I think a lot of other people were too."

The media role in Clayoquot is further complicated. The very media attention that has made the protest successful has led to protesters being punished more severely.

In the eyes of the court, the constant presence of TV cameras constituted the "public defiance" factor that elevated charges from civil to criminal contempt. Criminal contempt charges are far more abstract and open-ended since they carry no maximum penalty.

Nielsen admitted she didn't fully understand the nature of criminal contempt charges going in, but said even if she had, it wouldn't have changed her decision.

"It's an incredibly bogus law, she said. "It's serving their own ends. It's just silly. Most people would have just pleaded guilty to civil charges."

Nielsen seemed to feel that the letter issued by five NDP MLAs was also serving their own ends. The politicians' letter to constituents attempted to shirk responsibility for the charges, by claiming the courts acted independently.

"It was the Attorney-General that bumped up the charges. It took prosecuting responsibility away from Mac Bloedel and into the courts," said Nielsen, who also commented about the letter on TV.

The media attention may be new, but Nielsen is no stranger to environmental activism. She said she "woke up" in 1988, and began getting informed, going to protests, and getting involved in groups like the Sierra Club and the Western Canada Wilderness Committee.

In high school, she helped start a group called Students Towards Environmental Progress (STEP), at her home on the North Shore of Vancouver: "I was really preachy in grade 10," she said.

Clayoquot was her first blockade, but Nielsen has taken part in protests for past environmental causes, such as Carmanah three-years-ago. She has also "occupied a couple of offices," as part of the peace movement.

As someone with a long history of activism, Nielsen said most people close to her understood her action in Clayoquot: "People who know me, know it was conviction: it was informed, [and] they respect that. Everyone's been really supportive," Nielsen said. "Even people who don't agree with me."

Nielsen's broad concern about the environment is evident in her belief that the Clayoqout controversy has detracted attention from other important issues. "It's hard," she said. "I'm so involved in it, there's a lot at stake."

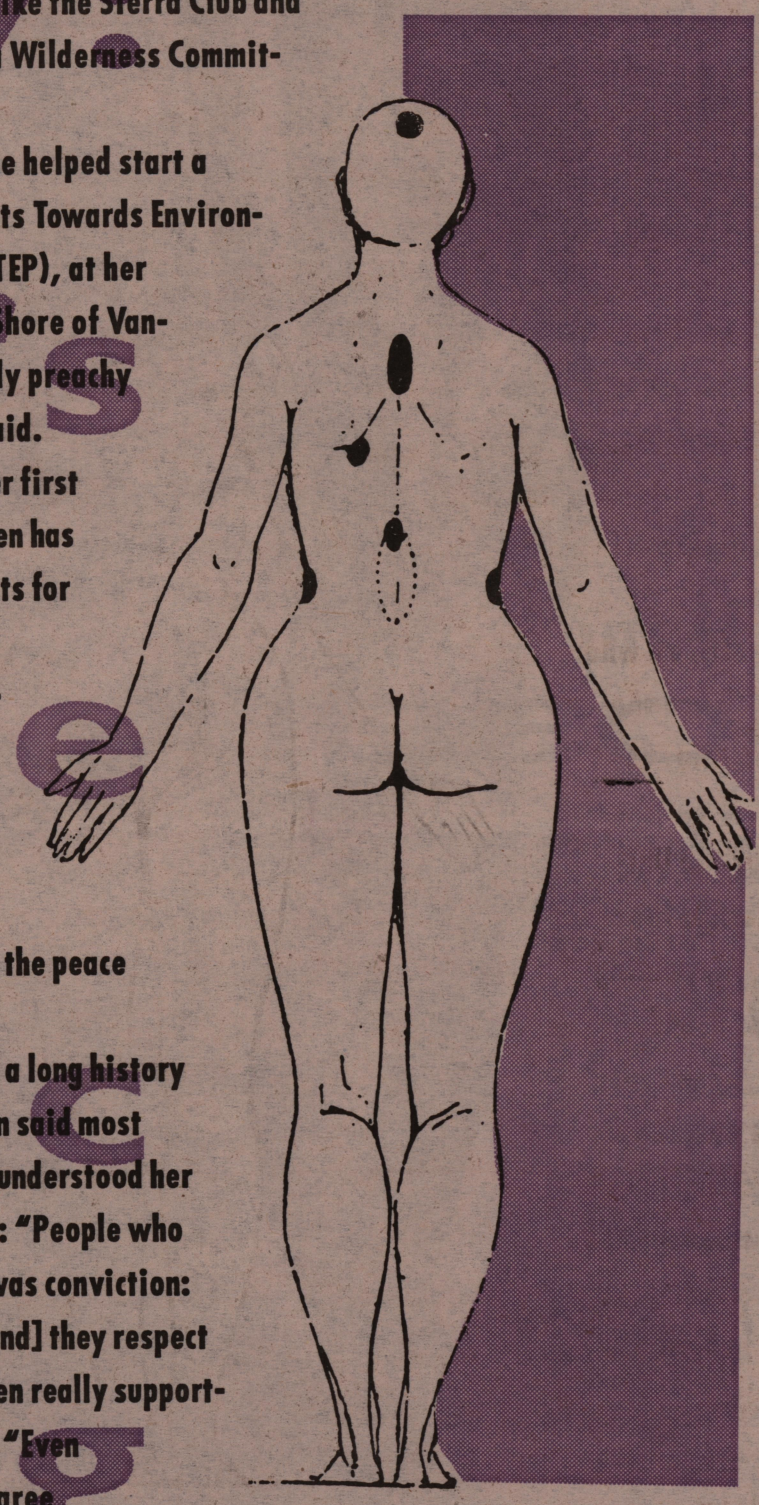
Nielsen cited other areas that are being ignored while media eyes are focused on Clayoquot, such as the Kitilope, the Upper Carmanah, and the Walbran.

"I don't need someone to inspire me to take action," she said "The people that needed to be kicked in the butt can keep concentrating on Clayoquot."

Nielsen will definitely continue with protests next summer, but not necessarily Clayoquot. "I'll see where I'm needed."

"But it'll be saved," she cheerily added. "It'll be a park with a sign: Do Not Enter With Chainsaw."

Nielsen perceives the next step to be international pressure, unbiased media coverage and boycotts. To someone who is thinking about blockading and getting arrested, Nielsen said "Go for it!" and laughed. "Don't do it unless you understand what civil disobedience is and can accept the consequences with dignity," she advised.



And the consequences can be financial. Nielsen still has to deal with the $500 fine, which she is thinking of appealing, and figure out how to pay for her legal costs.

Nielsen was denied legal aid on the basis of her savings — money that she needs to complete the school year. "I have no money to pay with," she said.

As for her criminal record, Nielsen can apply to get it expunged once the fine is paid, and her sentence is served.

Nielsen joked that serving her time has been nothing compared to the month she was grounded when she was fifteen. Her sentence - with time off for good behaviour - ends on Sunday, Nov. 14.

What's the first thing she'll do when the monitor is removed? "Go to a potluck..." she said exuberantly, "a poetry potluck."

Nielsen then spoke wistfully about first putting on the monitor: "As soon as I put it on, I craved the pastoral. It's so true. Oh, a walk in the fall leaves!"

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Naomi Wolf no longer burns in *Fire*

by Adrienne Mercer

Fire With Fire
The New Female Power and
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Random House,1993

Naomi Wolf's new book, *Fire With Fire*, has been called "a rational plan for the real world."

This is definitely true of the concept. Its presentation could use a lot of work.

The ideas brought forth in *Fire With Fire* are inspirational. Wolf discusses the estrangement and dissatisfaction that many women are feeling with the feminist movement. She then outlines several strategies with which women can restructure and reclaim their feminism.

The book is heavy with facts and figures. Wolf has obviously done her homework. The amount of information the book provides is staggering.

Unfortunately, the organization of this information is somewhat haphazard.

Wolf's intent with this book is supposedly to create a feminism inclusive of all women, regardless of social boundaries.

Instead what she offers is a jumbled "handbook" that is at best disorganized and at worst condescending.

Fire with Fire is a book attempting to befriend the reader. Wolf managed this smoothly in *The Beauty Myth*, but *Fire With Fire* comes across as phony and stilted. Her points are mostly valid, but are discredited by her imperious, self-righteous tone.

Wolf obviously believes it is crucial that feminism be accessible and user-friendly. Through her unnecessarily incomprehensible text, Wolf is an unconscious example of the very type of inaccessibility she seeks to eradicate.

This book is about things that are real. Its intent was to topple the over-rated pedestal of academia and express ideas that are day-to-day, important, and recognizable.

Wolf seems unable to move easily within this structure. She constantly reminding the reader how lofty and well-educated she is. This does not inspire awe, it inspires contempt.

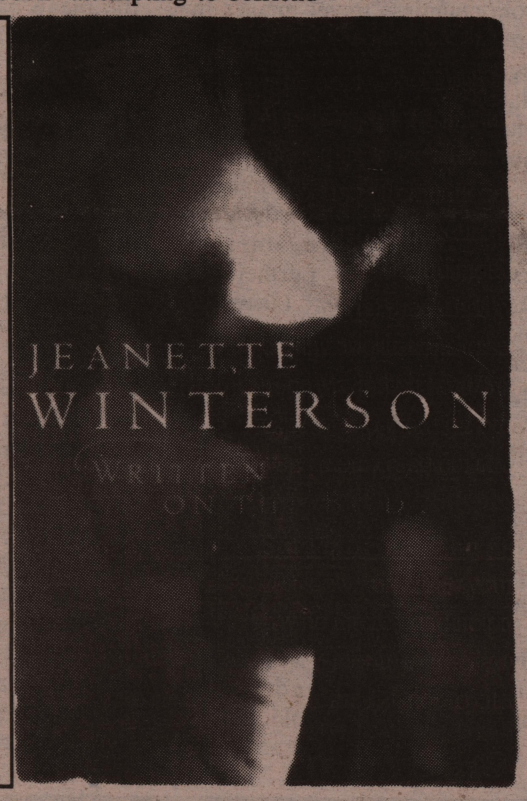
A particularly annoying overuse of learnedness is Wolf's constant reference to the term "sea change." To the reader who recognizes this as a reference to Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, it is aggravating that Wolf would use this excerpt unnecessarily. To the reader who has no idea what Wolf is talking about, the excerpt is daunting and utterly useless.

It is ironic that this text, meant to break down the barriers between women, is in fact a tool of alienation.

This book was written with good intentions, but it is doubtful that it will meet with many good reviews.❑

Naomi Wolf's newest novel dissapoints

The newest book by the author of Sexing the Cherry is an ode to both erotica and grief.



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Written on the Body
by Jeanette Winterson
Random House

With her latest effort, British author Jeanette Winterson's articulate voice and insight into human nature burn the reader with clarity and honesty.

Winterson details obsession, fear, pain, and love won and lost, in this first-person account of the emotional trials of a nameless, genderless academic.

The lack of gender for the narrator does more than help the reader identify with the plot. It forces you to run the gamut of emotions possible in love: fascination, caring, insensitivity, acceptance, denial, and grief.

Both an ode to erotica and a depressing look at need, Winterson's literary dexterity will grasp and pull you into the maze - the human heart.

Curiously, Winterson infuses scientific observation with her examination of emotion.

For example, a 25-page, almost cryptic analysis of the skin, the nose, the tissues, and other parts of the body, transfers the reader from emotion to chemistry.

Then, Winterson violently returns us back to the heart, shockingly, yet gracefully.

Written on the Body is a book for the smitten, the hurt, the grieving, the infatuated; anyone who has felt the joy and pain of emotion.❑

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Murray's nostalgia

by Adrienne Mercer

Croonin'
Anne Murray
EMI Music 1993

Subculture be damned. Anne Murray is where it's at.

This album is stellar mood music - perfect for your favorite café on a rainy Sunday.

Murray's voice has always been decidedly unique. It is heartening to hear her pay tribute to the voices that first drew her to the performing arts.

Croonin' is a compilation of Murray's renditions of her favorite hits from the early to mid 195[illegible]. The tunes have obviously been carefully picked. Murray's voice is perfectly suited to each of these old favorites.

Hearing the familiar lyrics of Jo Stafford's 1952 hit "You Belong To Me" in Murray's unique and instantly recognizable style inspires feelings of great nostalgia.

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Murray's voice also lends a determined edge to the old Julie London song "Cry Me A River."

The one justifiable gripe with this album is that Murray does covers of Peggy Lee's "Fever" (1958) and Eddy Arnold's "I Really Don't Want To Know" (1954).

These songs, due to their popularity, were obviously a great influence on Murray. However, they have been covered by so many people that Murray's versions don't stand out by comparison.

It's been said that there is no middle ground with Anne Murray's music - you either love it or hate it. For those of you who hate it, what the hell possessed you to read this far in the review?

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Unconventional women render *Piano* stunning

by Brett Grubisic

The Piano
by Jane Campion
playing at Capitol Six

The Piano, a big budget film with an international cast, does not compromise its integrity by having bland and pretty cast members in a formulaic melodrama.

It is interesting on this note to compare Jane Campion's award-winning new film *The Piano* with another one set in the 19th century, Martin Scorcese's *Age of Innocence.*

In many ways, *Age of Innocence* is a Hollywood movie. While it does use Edith Wharton's ironic yet critical novel as its foundation, it tempers much of the novel's critical perspective with its compulsive focus on lush and luxurious residences and elaborate period costume. The audience murmurs, "What a gorgeous dress" and "She looks lovely" not "What a hideously repressive and hypocritical culture."

The film is conventionally plotted and so viewers spend much of their time waiting for the inevitable resolution.

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women especially are dour Christian Victorians who wear no cosmetics and are encased by stiff, restrictive clothing utterly impractical for moving in the new world of New Zealand.

The tropical setting is not lush or romantic; its principle features are torrential rains, mud and choking greenery.

New Zealand itself, familiar from countless travel images that stress its majesty, is here foreboding. The settlement is a desolate place consisting of rough-hewn huts surrounded by burnt trees and mud.

The Piano is densely imaginative; its plot, while mostly a conventional narrative, does not dominate the view. Furthermore, Campion's characters (she wrote and directed) are similar to characters from her other films, *Sweetie*, and *Angel At My Table* - complex, oddly motivated, and difficult to instantly like.

The film shows males as having the upper hand, but there is no clearly demarcated victim or oppressor, except perhaps Victorian culture.

The story is about Ada (Holly Hunter), a Scottish woman who has, inexplicably, not spoken since she was 6 years old.

In the opening she arrives on the foreign shore to meet the man her father has married her to. She has a daughter from a former relationship; since she is not married we assume her father sees her as a "fallen woman", and has accordingly married her off to rid the family of its shame.

She arrives with boxes of luggage and a piano. She converses with hand gestures for daily needs but plays piano to communicate what her hands cannot. The music she plays is, by Victorian standards, improper: it is too strong and impassioned.

Stewart (Sam Neill) is her husband. He is a typical imperial settler; trading buttons, guns and blankets for Maori land. He is oddly unvillainous: despite his infrequent terrible actions he is nonetheless pathetic. He too is trapped in conventions which hinder his mental and spiritual (not to mention sexual) development. He too, is in a sense mute.

Baines (Harvey Keitel) is a friend of Stewart's who lives in the settlement. He is someone who has become more integrated with the native culture. (As a side note, it was refreshing to see an indigenous people described without the usual romanticizing or primitivizing lens.) He wears facial tattoos and socializes amiably with the Maori.

When Stewart does not bring the piano back from the landing site, Baines arranges to gain ownership of it. He works out an initially unsavoury contract with Ada that will enable her to reclaim the piano as her own.

As the film progresses, it is clear that the network of communal interrelations is troubled. Ada moves away from her husband and daughter toward Baines regardless of the implications. Again, what she does is not 'proper', but necessary.

The film continues to engage via strange and provocative images: a community play about Bluebeard that highlights cultural difference; Ada in a terrible scene, covered with mud and rain, and an underwater attempt at death.

The Piano was the first film directed by a woman to win the Palm D'or at Cannes. It is darkly beautiful and thought-provoking. It is highly recommended.❑

Poet shows performing panache

by tara shairp

Reading by Mary di Michele
"Thank Gawd It's Friday"
reading series
Friday Nov. 26

Mary di Michele, a celebrated poet, feminist critic and English professor at Concordia University, came to read last Friday, bringing a creative intensity to the usually banal and boring lecture room in the Fine Arts Building.

Di Michele, born in Italy before emigrating to Canada in the 1950s, was "raised on Italian opera."

She reads her work with a panache for performance, much like Italian opera moves musical notes from the sheet into arias of spontaneous melodrama. Her voice fluctuates from soft and restrained tones to an engagingly dramatic tautness.

Lorna Crozier, the series facilitator, stated that di Michele is a "very well-known and well-respected poet of great passionate and lyric intensity."

Women who only know their bodies through men only know them in bits

Radiating a frenetic energy, wearing a black coverall dress with clunky gold buckles and a tan turtleneck sweater, di Michele read from her two latest books of poetry, *Immune to Gravity* and *Luminous Emergencies*.

This is a writer who takes her work with extreme seriousness. Di Michele meticulously reads the line breaks in each poem with vivid concentration: "Women who only/know their bodies/through men/know them in bits."

From another poem, di Michele suggests heterosexual sex is like amoeba: "the larger engulfs the smaller." Earlier, di Michele had said that "sexual feelings are a lot of the energy behind creative writing."

In "Ode to the Colour Red," red is "love when you don't know how/to praise it or/to damn it/red means business/sex when it's commerce/sex when it's not/red's for the escape of affairs/of exits."

Di Michele also has a funnybone: she says, "I do play," and creates fun with "purely comic" poetry. In a new, unpublished poem, "The Loneliness of the Long Distance Answering Machine," she reads, "My answering machine is very lonely/since I moved to Montreal/it hasn't yet mistressed French/fluently...it's a French country/and Sanyo was born in Japan."

Di Michele has a novel due out in the spring of 1994. She states it is "like being haunted," when writing long fiction.

Clutching one of her books to her chest, di Michele ran one hand through her hair as she stated that writers, all their lives, write "to redeem [them]selves."

Di Michele might be haunted by her desire for redemption through writing. From this reading, though, di Michele has shown her art above "redeem[ing]," and clearly in the realm of "mistressed" talent.❑

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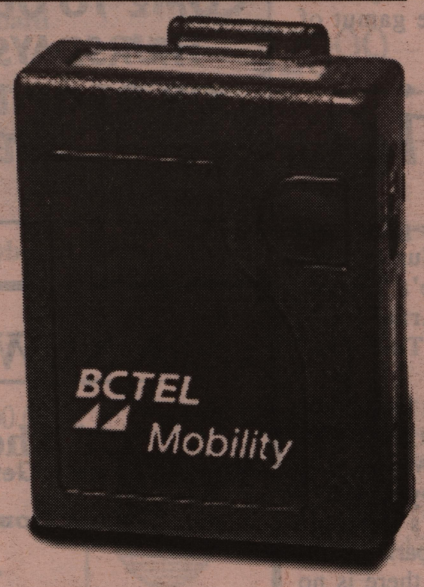

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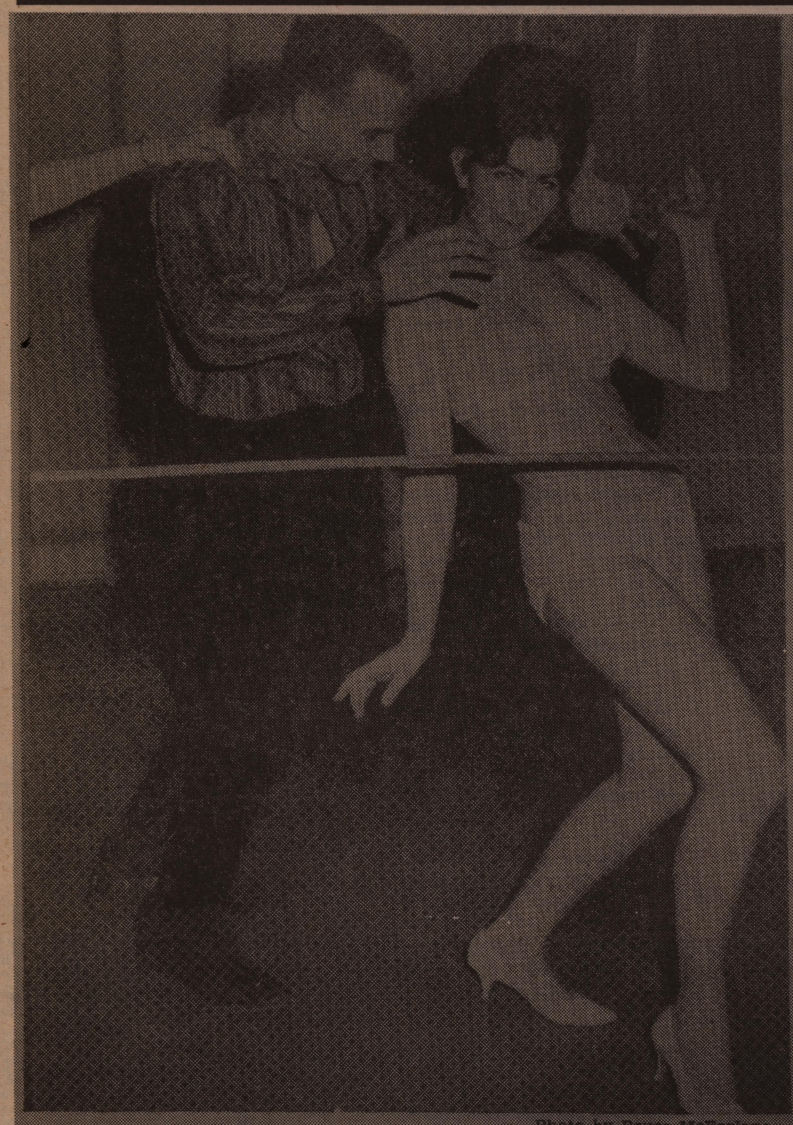
We've come a long way . . . maybe

Staff members are often shocked going back through old issues of *the Martlet*. We weren't always the progressive paper we now strive to be. These stories and photos are taken from 1962 on. They clearly demonstrate that journalism, even student journalism, was NOT woman friendly.



—Photo by Bruce McFarlane.

Phraterers' Sweetheart Miss Carolyn Wilde demonstrates limbo dance for Council President Alf Pettersen.

"Famous for Friendliness"

Phratereres, as a group, is for girls only. As individuals, Phratereres are quite normal. Phratereres is the girls' service club active on campus, trying very hard to live up to their motto: "Famous for Friendliness".

All this week members are participating in a drive, not Freudian, but for more members. Remember the little sweetie-pie who disrobed on the stage in the auditorium? Those cute chicks from the hockey team? Well, girls, you too can display your talents. You can sell stationery or sweaters, usher for the play or be of service in any way you desire.

The annual dance, held at the Club Tango, was a success, for those of you who can still remember. So, girls, come to the introductory meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 30, in room E58.

Gordon Head girls: Show that your spirit still flows strong out there, and come on in for the meeting.

70's . . .were a little better. The women's movement meant no more blatantly sexist pictures and articles. It meant no coverage at all. Women did not reappear on the pages of *the Martlet* until the late 1970's, even though there were women editors.

LEPROSY ON CAMPUS?

The most beautiful sight on campus, as I am sure every normally heterosexual male will agree, is a pair of luscious female legs.

You can see them all around you, crossed in the Caf, going up the stairs ahead of you, or behind you in a lecture.

From a purely aesthetic point of wiew, the curve of a calf is, if not the most attractive, one of the most easily seen curves on the female body.

Leg-watching is a pastime engaged in by many, but a horrible trend has been noticed among the Uvic female population. Instead of a soft, sheer-sheathed, tawny curve, we are noticing hideous, bilious variations.

The first impression is that the girl has some sort of fungus growing on her legs as a result of the weather. Then you see that it is a pattern, usually of diamonds and dots, and a suspicion comes to your mind that she is hiding some dread disease.

The lingerie section of several department stores were contacted, and apparently this nauseous hosiery is called "texture toned." Presumably this advertising slogan appeals to some infantile minds — and it seems to be spreading leprously.

Please remember: you are supposed to be intelligent adults . . . impervious to advertising slogans; you are also the topic of innumerable calf-eyed watchers — have pity for them. Remove these scabious stockings and incite their promiscuous desires tastefully.

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Purple Onion Tries For College Crowd

A new night spot in Victoria in an old and familiar location for many college students is The Purple Onion, downstairs in the New Club Tango. Operated by old hands in the entertainment business the newly inaugurated club highlights night entertainment for college students and adults. The club plans to headline many big name artists with Eleanor Collings and Bobby Harriet featured this weekend.

—ROB REED PHOTO

. . . want her serving you?

The atmosphere, although not highly unique or original, is refreshing and pleasing. Attractive, bikini-clad hostesses supply ice and mixer for $1.00 and lend a touch of class and sophistication to the scene.

The Purple Onion offers a twenty-five minute catering service. A full course menu of Chinese, chicken and pizza dishes is available at reasonable prices.

In keeping with a selective clientele the management is offering $1.00 off the $4.00 admission price on Friday nights to students presenting AMS cards..

Nellie would be disappointed

What would feminist Nellie McClung say about the women's movement on the 50th anniversary of women receiving the vote in B.C.? Not much, according to Kathleen Ruff, Director of the Provincial Human Rights Branch.

"Women are not equal partners by any stretch of the imagination," Ruff told a group of students last week. If blacks instead of women made up 52% of the population, she suggested, the present inequalities would be considered shocking and abhorrent.

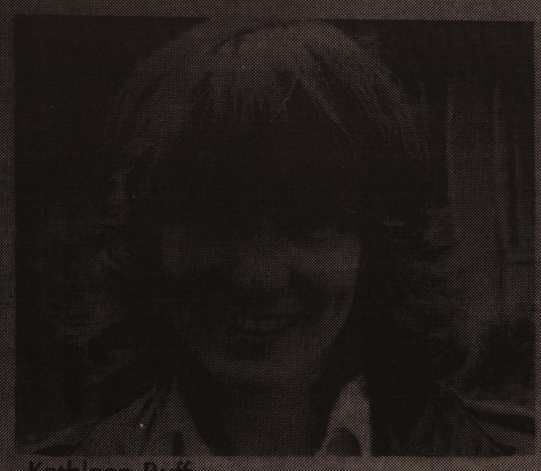
"The power and decision making in the province and in the country is being carried our in 99% of the cases, by male groups," she pointed out. "They're making decisions that affect the closest details of our well-being. We as women have our lives ruled through the courts and legal structures by men. If the pay of blacks was half that of men in this country we would find the situation unacceptable."

Ruff says she's discouraged at seeing job situations where women sit in a pool running around serving a group of men. "We have apartheid and segregation in this country," she said. "In senior levels of government, it's as if women don't even exist."

Women are celebrating the anniversary of receiving the franchise in B.C. but things haven't really changed. "It's like the adage that the rich and the poor are equally free to sleep under the bridge at night," she laughed. "On paper, women are in most ways equal, but in practise they are not equal at all."

Ruff charged the women's movement with becoming inward looking. "I worry about stress on individuality in the womens movement," she said. "The organization is not as active nor as visible as a few years ago. The emphasis now is on consciousness raising and therapy, which is useful but I'm very sad that the women's movement isn't more outward going and looking at the situation of women in society. We should be worrying about the situation of older women for example who are living below the poverty line."

Virginia McCafferty of the Victoria Status of Women was present and said a television program is planned for Channel 10 featuring a coalition of women's groups in B.C. speaking out on topical issues. The group had approached the CBC with the idea originally but were told the idea "wouldn't sell soap" and now has time planned with the local Victoria station. McCafferty said she was disturbed by the number of young women who were angry about their condition in society but not organized enough to do anything about it.



Kathleen Ruff:
we haven't come a long way, baby

Tish Lakes, spokesperson for the Women's Action Group at UVic said many of the women who were active in the '60's are not burned out over tactics that didn't work out.

Kathleen Ruff agreed. "Any group that tries to make radical changes is given a negative label. It's not just the fault of the media, there is a whole group of society who don't want to see changes. They discredit the radicals, label them pinkos or whatever, and use slur tactics. It terrifies people who don't want to be associated with that group."

Ruff urged women to use every tactic in order to make the necessary changes in society. "There's so much to be done, take all the tactics, raise hell, use the grassroots movement, talk to political leaders, be a moderate or extremist but involvement is very important. If people stay silent, things will go backwards."

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30 years: the martlet and women

The 1980's

Protestors demand action in wake of cutbacks

by Carolyn Cox and Anna Ramsay

Funding cuts to women's centres across Canada sparked a 200 person protest in front of Customs House last Thursday.

Customs House is the only federal government building in downtown Victoria and is often the site of protests to Ottawa.

Twenty-three out of 25 women's centres in B.C. and the Yukon were given notice their operational funding will stop completely.

Women's programs have taken a $1.6 million reduction since the federal budget was released several weeks ago, 1.4 million of which will come from women's centres operational funds.

Helly Walsh, a Victoria Status of Women Action Group (SWAG) member, said the cuts were "a political move by the federal government to silence women."

"Women should not sit back and be complacent," said Walsh.

Sheila Ray, a SWAG volunteer, said the cuts would severely affect the women of B.C., and "women's centres provide a sense of belonging to women in an impersonal city, as well as a feeling of usefulness."

Another volunteer said the cuts are "outrageous, offensive and degrading, and women should stand up and say no!"

The last speaker, Bonnie Robinson, told the group the centres are a vital aspect of society, and have saved the lives of at least 400 of women in need.

"Without such houses, hundreds of women would have died," she said. Robinson pointed out the federal government spends $11 billion on defence, and "women will not be silenced, we deserve at least $1.6 million."

Following the speakers, protestors walked into the building to the Citizenship Court office, to deliver a letter of protest to the Secretary of State. The doors to the office were locked, although SWAG member Marianne Alto said 1:00 was not the regular lunch hour.

"They locked the Citizenship Court offices, all we wanted to do was deliver a letter," said Alto, "Those women (who work in the office) are as much victims of the government as we are. We must not blame our sisters, but we can blame our conservative government." □

Lesbian / feminism: divide and conquer

The connection between lesbians and (other) feminists has at times been awkward at the best; nonproductive and destructive at worst. Too often, women who allowed the division between "straight" and gay to splinter a movement that is, in reality, working for *all* women.

Various aspects of this division are important. Who divides women in this manner? Ourselves—men—the media? In what areas can/should lesbians and their "straight" sisters work together?

Much of the "second wave" of the feminist movement which surfaced in the United States and Canada in the last four years of the 1960's was rooted in middle class suburbia. And the movement at times still reflects the bourgeois "liberalistic" stance; simply tolerating lesbians rather than truly accepting them.

Men and the male-dominated media have played their part in divisions between lesbians and other feminists. Striving to establish the movement as a solid "respectable" group within society, it has often appeared to be in the best interest of feminist groups to disassociate themselves from lesbians in the public consciousness.

And how many men have used the label of lesbian as a subtle put-down of "straight" feminists? This divide and conquer approach has been used effectively more times than feminists would care to admit.

Divisions between women have also been initiated by lesbian women. Psychologically, lesbian women hold the opinion of simply withdrawing from the "straight" male world; they do not have to rely on men for emotional support. But by withdrawing in this fashion lesbians also risk leaving other women behind.

Ruth Wilson in FROM THE CLOSET TO THE COURTS deals with this issue. Wilson maintains that lesbians must see issues such as abortion, divorce, and birth control as important to all women—gay or "straight". Wilson points out that this attitude is the only realistic one as many lesbian mothers and lesbian ex-wives have themselves gone through the nightmare of custody and divorce battles.

It is necessary for both lesbian and "straight" feminists to channel their energies toward forwarding the cause of all women. We must not allow fear, ridicule or lack of sensitivity to cloud our vision of women of a class as we move toward our future goal of total freedom.

Cathie Archbould/Megan J. Davies

Abortion funding back on

In the 1980s women started getting the coverage they deserve. Stories on limited access to abortions and the fight for reproductive rights appeared regularly. The range of women's experiences was being explored instead of women being considered a homogeneous group.

by Justine Hunter
BC PIRG Legislative Reporter

Premier Bill Vander Zalm's abortion policies were knocked down by the Provincial Supreme Court Monday, allowing funding under the Medical Services Plan for abortions at a woman's request, with the approval of her doctor.

In the case between Attorney-General Brian Smith and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, Chief Justice Allan McEachern ruled the government's regulations to de-insure abortions invalid.

And for the first time since Canada's abortion laws were struck down Jan. 28, Vander Zalm appeared to separate his own beliefs from government policy.

"I can't compromise — my views are my position," he told reporters at the Victoria International Airport Tuesday. "But the government's position may need some alteration."

Vander Zalm was in Saskatchewan discussing free trade with Premier Grant Devine, who has devised an abortion policy Vander Zalm may attempt to adopt, which would require two doctors stating an abortion is "medically required."

The attorney-general told reporters immediately after Monday's judgement was released that "we have to respect the law, and the law today is that our regulation is not valid." He said he would advise cabinet not to fight the ruling, because the case just lost was their strongest one.

But Vander Zalm said Tuesday that he would try to find another way to de-insure abortions, either by taking abortion under any circumstance out of the province's medical insurance program, or by adopting the Saskatchewan model.

He said he was disappointed with the ruling by the chief justice, but he said he couldn't find too much argument with it.

In the decision, McEachern referred to the Jan. 28 ruling in Dr. Henry Morgentaler's case against Canada's abortion laws.

"Our highest Court seems to have declared that in some circumstances a pregnant woman is constitutionally entitled to terminate a pregnancy as part of her right to liberty and to the security of the person."

His decision, however, was based on the "unusual wording" of the provincial government's regulations brought in to de-insure abortions. McEachern said he could find "no authority in the Medical Service Act authorizing the Cabinet to make such a regulation," adding the regulation was "inconsistent . . . with common sense."

Vander Zalm insisted that the government's policy has not changed, and he will push to find another way to save taxpayers "the burden of having to pay for abortions on demand," and to ensure "we're not setting up some sort of industry for the Dr. Morgentalers and the like who can then abuse and use people in the system."

He agreed the Saskatchewan model presented a compromise to his beliefs. But, he said, "It's the government's position we're dealing with, and although a compromise . . . is not a perfect world as far as I'm concerned, I'm not seeking my type of world necessarily, or I'm not seeking to see all that I want accomplished."□

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Women rowers meet demands

by Dana Hubler

The UVic Women's rowing team succeeds in breaking both records and stereotypes.

Until 20 years ago, the physical and mental demands of competitive rowing were the challenge of oarsmen alone, to the exclusion of a large group of athletes.

The women's eights came in second at the Head of Charles

The UVic Women's Rowing program, with their national and international success, has shown that the strength and discipline needed for a winning crew of student athletes is not restricted by anything but commitment.

Julie Jespersen, a member of the UVic crew, exemplifies the possibility for all-round excellence.

As a member of Canada's Olympic team in Barcelona, Jespersen showed where the successful balancing of training and a university workload can lead.

"I've made some sacrifices to row, but I think it has made me a more rounded person," says Jespersen. "When you have a lot to organize, you tend to do better in all of it.

"It actually embellishes the typical university life."

The UVic women's crew, while maintaining one of the highest combined grade point averages on campus, has won the last five National Championships and four of the last five Canadian Henley Championships, both in the Senior Women's eight category.

In October, the women's eights came in second at the Head of Charles in Boston, losing to a crew that has six Olympic silver medallists.

Over the last 10 years, over 100 seats on Olympic, National, Senior B and Junior National teams have been occupied by the present and former members of the UVic Women's Rowing program. Included in this alumni membership are Olympic medalists Silken Lauman and Kirsten Barnes.

photo by Shawn Hall

Women rowers at an early morning work-out.

It actually embellishes the typical university life."

While UVic and Victoria may attract some rowers, the experience of being on the water with a crew makes the commitment easier.

"There's something very special about being on the lake in the morning when the sun rises," says Jespersen. "You're out there with your friends."❑

Co-ed sports more popular

by Shawn Hall

There are too many programs that set up barriers to female athletes, and not enough education about programs where barriers are being broken.

UVic students can go down to the Gordon Head Complex and sign up to participate in any of ten co-ed intramural sports, such as basketball, soccer, field hockey, and ice hockey.

"Five-years-ago, we wouldn't have had that," said Donna Sales, assistant intramurals director.

She said traditionally male intramurals have fewer women in them than others.

"I think a lot of it has to do with socialization." Encouraging women to join the programs is most important, Sales said.

"If you grow up in high school not playing hockey, it's less likely you're going to buy equipment and play [later]," she said.

With the increased opportunities for women in sport, partially through these co-ed leagues, things are slowly becoming equal.

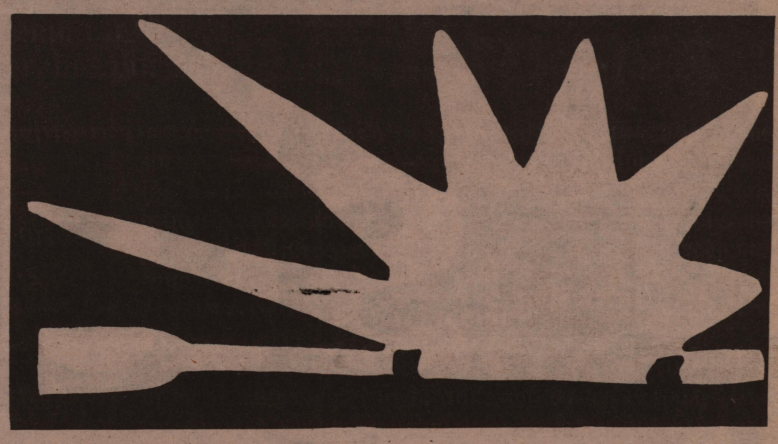
"We have way more women participants [in intramurals] than ever before," Sales said. "That's been really exciting to see."

Over this equalization, however, there looms ingrained attitudes.

She said this division between male and female sports is bred early. Also, male sports get most of the attention.

"Through all of athletics, this is a problem," she said. "You tend to go and watch the men. As soon as the women start, you leave."

Any person who wants to join an intramural team next semester can start signing up Jan. 10 at the Gordon Head Complex.❑



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UVic Women's soccer shows varsity promise

by Daniel Sieberg

The UVic Women's Varsity Soccer program is only two years old, but growing fast, upgrading to a varsity team from a club, and receiving increased funding and exposure.

"We're still a young program, and there's always room for improvement," said coach Ian Bridge.

"We're dedicated."

The team got off to a rough start this year, on a five-game road trip across the prairies in September. They returned home with two ties and five losses.

Although the team ended up finishing the CIAU season with three more losses, many games were close and could have gone either way.

"The close ones will be wins next year," said Cristy Cunningham, a third year Arts student. "This year, there was a lack of confidence since we didn't know each other too well.

"But give us a couple of months ... I'm really looking forward to next year already," said Cunningham.

The team did finish the CIAU year on somewhat of a high note, losing to UBC, the provincial champs, only 1 - 0.

Though the CIAU season is done, the team will continue to play locally beginning Dec. 12, and will finish in the spring.

"We're working really hard, and gaining experience all the time," said Debbie Lisle, a Political Science Masters student.

"In a few years we'll be a force to contend with."

Bridge said the dedication of assistant coach Bobbie Jean Taylor and the hard work of the players has made them a team with great potential.

"I would like to tip my hat to the players who stuck with the program," said Bridge, "We'll win as a team, and we'll lose as a team."

Cunningham also tipped her hat to the newspapers for increasing knowledge of the teams exploits.

"Equal [press] coverage is being given to both the men's and women's soccer teams, and that this is helping the team's exposure and growth."❑

Walking on fire ultimate in weirdness

by Shawn Hall

Walking in bare feet across six feet of burning coals may not seem like a real smart thing to do.

It's not, unless you've spent an eight-hour workshop working up to it. If you have, it could be one of those experiences in life that teach you just how powerful you are.

"The firewalk is the final proof you can do anything you set your mind to," said Dawn Mardsen, with Global Empowerment Thinking, Inc.

The company is holding a workshop in Sidney Sunday, Dec. 5. The workshop will be a mixture of lecture and action, building up to the firewalk after eight hours. Fred Shadin will instruct the session.

Actions such as breaking boards, "a leap of faith" into the hands of others, and other trust and focus-building exercises take up much of the time.

"It's the cutting edge of weirdness," said Mardsen.

In this seemingly flakey activity, Mardsen said, there is focus and energy to be found, if one can accept it.

The first time, she said, "It blew me away."

Leslie Post, a Campbell River youth substance abuse prevention worker, agreed.

"When you do substance abuse prevention it's really important to have a high level of energy," she said.

The whole experience has not only increased her energy level, but given her a whole new perspective.

"It's empowering. I've felt supercharged since the one I did in April," Post said. "No goals are too small or too big, they're all just challenges."

"It's not weird, or flakey, or cultish, or anything like that."

Rather than seeing a person for their abuse, she now sees the abuse as just part of who they are. She sees the best in everybody, she said, because she believes more strongly in the human mind.

"The physical metaphor is if I can walk on fire I can do anything I want."

Post organized the first Campbell River firewalk in April of this year. She took 12 high-school peer counselors with her.

Fighting substance abuse requires high-risk activities, and healthy natural highs, Post said.

These can be both be found in firewalking.

But the firewalk is just one event. "The break-through for me was breaking a board," said Post.

Post is nine months pregnant and has walked on fire three times while pregnant. It hasn't been a problem for her, though she does caution potential walkers.

"I think you have to have a healthy respect for your body," she said.

"If you don't feel ready to walk, don't push it."

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Sportswomen face down eating disorders

Problem less common in upper level sport

by Remy Quinter

Compulsive over-exercising combined with poor eating habits is a type of eating disorder that affects many active women. In upper-level sports, however, this sort of eating disorder is not as large a problem as people might think.

"Elite and varsity female athletes have lower levels of eating disorders than other women," said Winona Pugh, UVic Athletics and Recreation co-ordinator. "These athletes are performance oriented, and without eating properly, performance decreases."

"These kinds of activities are just other kinds of purges."

"Most women athletes want to do better," said Dr. Richard Backus of UVic Health Services, who has done nutritional analysis on athletes since 1989. "You get tired if you don't eat properly.

"It's not to say that some athletes don't have eating disorders in medical terms, or that when an athlete restricts calories to lose weight, she won't develop a medical [eating] disorder," said Backus.

Elite athletes are also less likely to have any eating disorders because they are on closely monitored training programs.

"These athletes are under the supervision of a coach who hopefully understands nutrition and performance," said Anaka Von Albervegen, co-ordinator of recreation at Gordon Head.

It is the aesthetic sports, like synchronized swimming, gymnastics and dance, where most eating disorders in athletes are found. The greater the degree of weight control in a sport, the greater the problem of disordered eating, said Backus.

Women who engage in sports for reasons other than competition and fitness are most at risk because they're less likely to see the link between nutrition and performance.

"Anorexics don't do very well as athletes," said Backus. "Sports have very high caloric demands and these people, if they exercise, do so in a compulsive way, and compulsive exercise does not make an athlete."

Many women will starve themselves all day and then go to a high-intensity aerobics class, but will not be able to perform at the intense level.

"There's a justification that these people see themselves as healthy because they are attending a high-level class, even though they can't perform at that level," said Mary Jane McLachlan of UVic counselling services. "They go because they get a psychological boost."

Women who manipulate themselves through eating disorders are usually dealing with deeper issues such as lack of self esteem, low self acceptance, poor body image, and an inability to express feelings and emotions or assert themselves in a healthy way.

"Weight loss isn't the [underlying] issue with eating disorders," said McLachlan.

"Athletes involved in team and competitive sports develop self esteem through the accomplishment of goals and derive self acceptance through the team environment," said Pugh.

Women with eating disorders gravitate to any type of cardio vascular exercise, and often combine different activities on the same day. It's not just aerobics but also low-intensity running, stair-climbers, and stationary cycling.

"These are the women who often do two to three activities in a day for over an hour without regard to eating or performance," said Pugh.

"These kinds of activities are just other kinds of purges," said Mclachlan.

A "purge" is the getting rid of the food once it is eaten. Purges happen in cycles. This is what's known as the binge-purge cycle or obsessive compulsive eating. The cycle involves starvation, overeating (binging) and then purging. Purging could be throwing up, taking laxatives, or over-exercising.

Without food, the body eventually begins to consume its own muscle tissue. After the muscles have been ravaged, the body feeds off of its own organs for energy. Over time, this leads to an electrolyte imbalance that in extreme could cause a heart attack.

Menstrual cycles become imbalanced, or stop, and it becomes difficult to concentrate because the brain is so starved.

"Anorexics don't do as well as athletes."

With bulimia , which is the pattern of throwing up to purge the food, tooth decay from the bile sets in, and the stomach is eventually destroyed.

Often, the disorders can combine in various ways. Overeating, exercising and vomiting one day, then starvation for two days.

"These people — you can't reach them," said McLachlan. "It's so easy for them to fade away by going to a different gym or exercise studio if someone notices or makes a comment."

Rick Crawley, coach of the women's rowing team said he has told his lightweight rowers that being an athlete is a lifestyle, and there is no room in competition for binge eating.

Lighweight rowers have weight restrictions to pass before they are allowed to compete. He tells potential candidates that he is definitely not interested in people who do "crazy" things to make weight.

"They [lightweights] don't have to deny themselves anything," Crawly said. "We have a nutritionist come in to counsel our athletes."

"We've had good success with focussing on performance enhancement in athletes rather than focusing on eating disorders as a disease," said Backus.

The disease has been discussed and dealt with at the counselling centre since 1980. The counselling centre offers free and confidential eating disorder workshops, and will set up a confidential appointment with experienced counselors.

McLachlan stresses that the services are free and confidential. Anyone with concerns about eating disorders can call 721-8341.❑

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Nov. 26
UVic women - 73 vs. U of Lethbridge - 61
UVic men - 100 vs. U of Lethbridge - 92
Nov. 27
UVic women - 93 vs. U of Lethbridge - 71
UVic men - 109 vs. U of Lethbridge - 73

Rugby

Jutes - 11 vs. Oak Bay Castaways - 15
Vikes - 28 vs. Vancouver Kats - 30
Saxons - 14 vs. Velox Valhallians - 15
Noresmen - 12 vs. Naniamo - 13

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rugby

Saturday, Dec. 4
Norsemen @ Port Alberni - 1:00 pm
Saxons vs. James Bay @ UVic - 2:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 5
Vikes @ BCRU Knockout

Canada West Athletic Association—Stats

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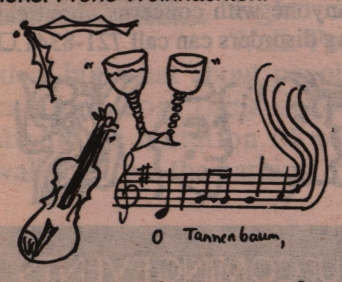

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Jewish Students' Group

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We offer a variety of services ranging from Assertion Training to Stress Management. What follows is a partial list of our services:

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(2)Alcoholics Anonymous

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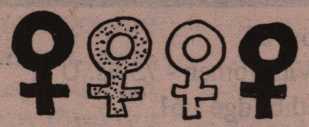

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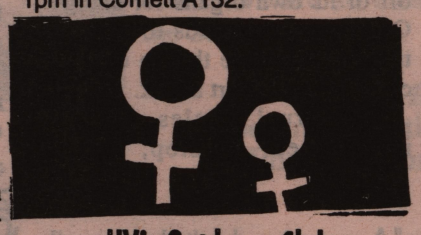

UVic Outdoors Club

We meet every Wednesday at 5:30 in Elliot 060 to make plans for hiking, cycling, kayaking and more. Everybody is welcome.

Society of Undergrad Math and Stats

We hold meetings every Monday at 2:30pm at the corner of A/D wing in Clearihue. Free donuts and caffeine. Everyone Welcome.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

FILM

Central Library presents two short films, *Qimmit, Canada's Arctic Dog* and *Lypa*, 12-1pm in the Central Multipurpose room. Free.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

LECTURE

"The Shape of Things To Come: Structure and Function of Ponderosa Pine In Future Climates." Dr. E. de Lucia speaks 3-4pm Cunningham, 146.

MUSIC/EVENT

Ukrainian Dinner. A traditional banquet featuring perogies, cabbage rolls, sausage. 5-8pm, Esquimalt Rec Centre, 527 Fraser Street.

Fridaymusic. A free recital by the UVic Chamber Singers. 12:30 at the P.T. Young Recital Hall.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

MUSIC/EVENT

"Don We Now Our Gay Apparel." 'Pink T's' present a holiday dance/ celebration for the lesbian and gay communities, at S.J. Willis School, 8pm. Proceeds to charities; admission canned food or non-violent toy.

Bach's *Magnificat* will be performed by UVic Chorus and orchestra, 8pm, UVic Centre Auditorium. Tix $5, $8,

SUNDAY, DEC. 5

MUSIC

Bach's *Magnificat*: 2:30. See Saturday.

EVENT

Firewalking Seminar. Learn practical techniques toward enhancing your energy. 3-11pm. Call 480 0236 for details.

"The Hidden Coast" The Sierra Club will hold its general meeting, present a slide show on the mid-coast temperate rainforest and welcome the Heiltsuk singers from Bella Coola. At Kaleidoscope Theatre, 5pm

VIGIL

A Men's Vigil: "To remember all women and children who have suffered and been killed as a result of men's violence." At Centennial Square, 7pm.

MONDAY, DEC. 6

OPEN HOUSE

This is a place for women and men to wind down and reflect upon the day's events. All welcome; refreshments provided. Please join us. Upper SUB, 2pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

EVENT/LECTURE

"Music and Meditation." Practical experience of Inner Light and Sound Meditation. Free. All are welcome. 7-10pm @ Fernwood Community Assoc. Bldg., 1923 Fernwood Rd.

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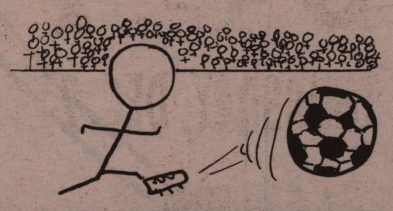

STUDENT BODIES

UVic Association of Disabled Students

We are meeting Dec. 2, 3-4pm Room B288 University Centre. For information call Trish Brook @ 721 8743.

UVic Equestrian Club

Interested in horsepersonship? We accomodate all levels and interests. Beginner to advanced; Western to English. Join us every Mon. at 6pm in Cle A211 or contact Jennifer @ 592 3168 or Melanie @ 477 6543.

Anti-Racism and Discrimination Committee

"Do you want to work for social change?" We meet every Thursday in SUB 137A 6-7:30pm—or leave info at the VIPIRG office c/o Jacquie if you aren't able to make the meetings.

Body Image Committee

33,000 American women told researchers they would rather lose 10-15 pounds than achieve any other goal. Do you see this as a problem? Our committee meets every Thursday in the SUB. For more info contact Christie Shaw at VIPIRG.

UVic Scuba Club

Have you gone down lately? If not, come join our club. Contact Chris @ 595 8801 or Rob @ 598 4758 for details.

Association of International and Canadian Students

We welcome people to join our club. Executive meetings are on Thursdays at 6pm in Cle B315. For more information contact Vy @ 721 5337. Members most welcome to come to our Coffee House every Wed. @ 5:30pm Cle C305.

UVic Medieval Club

If you ever wanted to learn how to fence, perform archery, calligraphy, costumery etc, and almost anything else you can think of come and visit. We meet Tuesday and Wednesday eves. Contact Cristin @ 384 9849.

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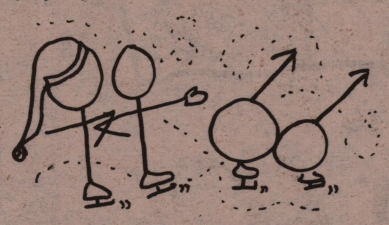
Are you wonderfully warped and weird? A mad scientist? Join the rest of the alien visitors here at UVic . We meet Thursdays at 6:30 in Cle B215. There is no specific agenda; discussion of anything interesting is welcome.

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance

Come on out, we'd like to meet you. We operate a Drop-in Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:30 and 2:30 in Room 137A. There you can pick up the free curreent issue of *Xtra West* and *Angles*, or just sit and chat with other students. **Upcoming**: Queers On Ice, Dec. 5, 8pm @ Oak Bay Rec. For info on rides call 385 4270 (Kate) or 384 2562 (Bryan).



Colour Film Study Group

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. 7:30pm North Park Manor, 875 North Park, 361 4846.

Sailing Club

Be a Viking - join the Sailing Club! We will meet Oct 12 at 6:30 in Elliot 162. For info contact Troy @ 592 1892 or Chris @ 477 3672 or come to Gyro Park Sat./Sun. from 11:00 to 4:00.

Debating Union

Finally, UVic has its own undergraduate debating club. This politics-free affiliated club has a mandate to train its members in the art of public speaking and debate. Meetings are Thurs at 3:30 in the Graduate Students' Lounge. Everyone welcome, call Ian @ 721 9545. for more information.

Ski Club

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Environmental Studies Students' Association

We meet weekly Wednesdays @ 1:30 Sedg C168. ESSA office: Sedg C189.

Young Liberal Club

"Calling all young liberals." We are looking for a few good women and men who are interested in Canadian politics. We meet every Friday at 4:30pm in the Gordon Head Pub. Contact Dean Crawford @ 382 2805.

Bhakti-Yoga Club

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Baha'i Club

We will meet Oct. 27 and Nov. 10, 3:30-4:30 Cle B446. Elections Oct. 13. Contact Gabe @ 595 5842.

Creative Writing Students' Guild

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UVic Juggling Club

Learn how to juggle in 15 minutes! We meet Mon. and Thurs. 6-7pm in the McKinnon building apparatus gym. Contact Rich @ 361 4997.

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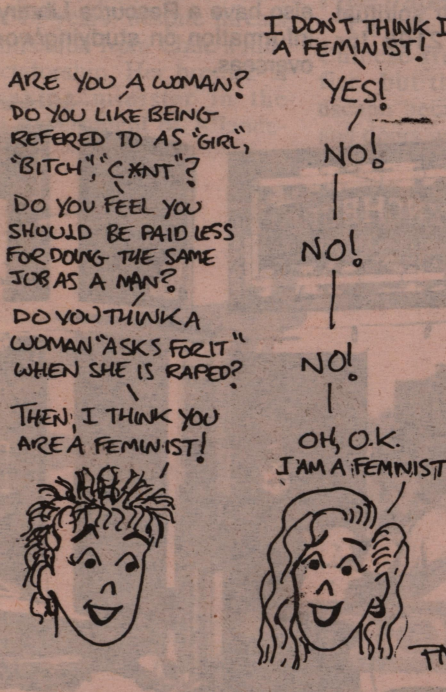
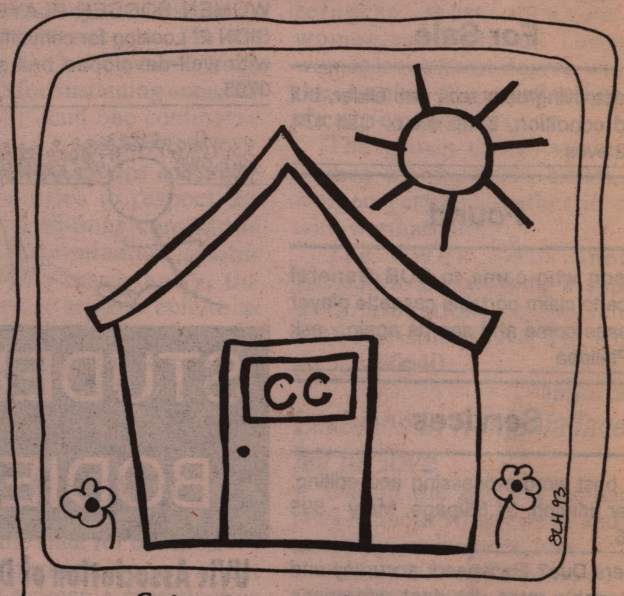
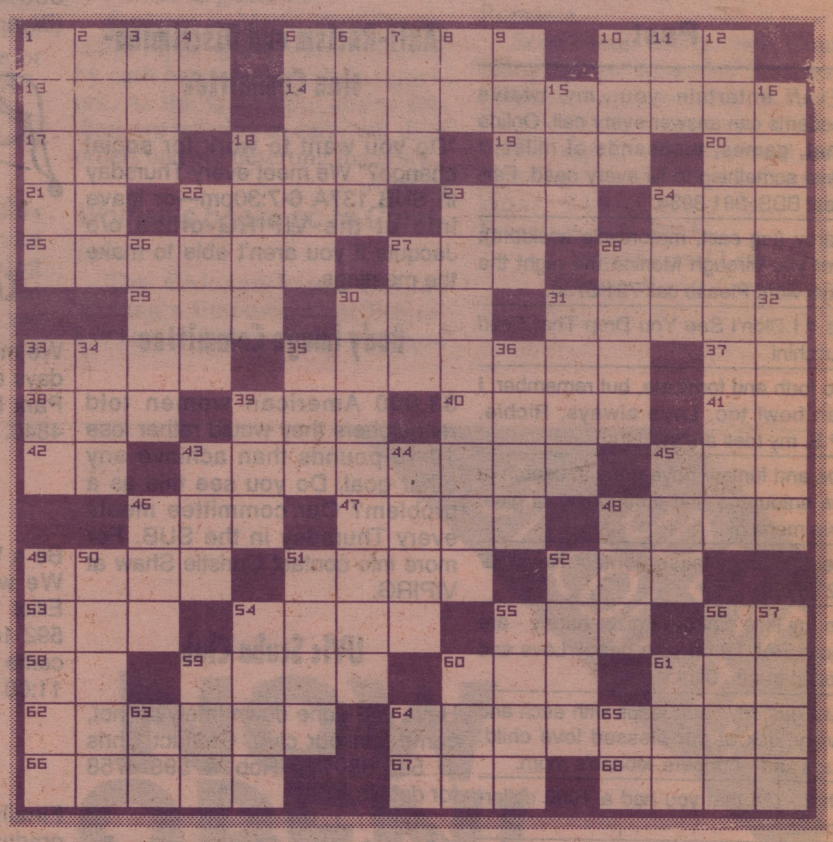
WOMEN HAVE IT EASY: #14&36





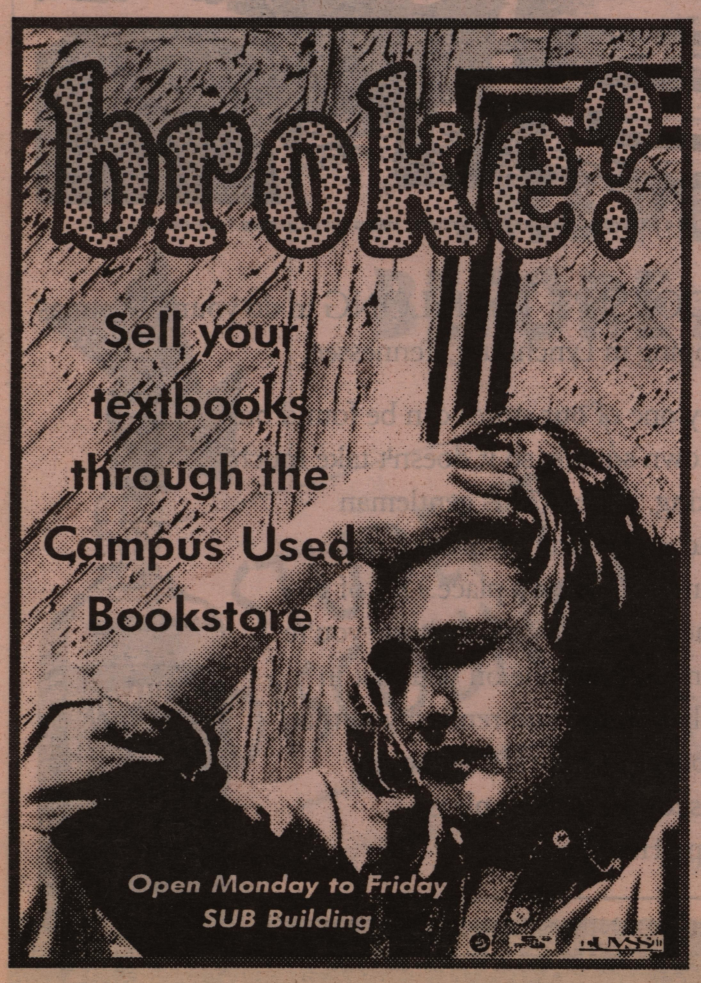
Scientists are pleased to announce their discovery of the male equivalent to the birth control pill: it's the CASTRATION CLINIC! Coming to your neighbourhood soon!! (where the sun always shines)



Martlet Crossword
DOCS & DOCKS

ACROSS

1 Trapper's Product
5 ___ English
10 Small indentation
13 Arafat, e.g.
14 Banishment
17 Nobel's albatross
18 Flask's friend
19 ____ Carte
20 Cola ex-contender
21 High school designation
22 Madonna ____, previously
23 Oafish
24 Early 70s Canadian rock group
25 William Randolph or Patti
27 Buckingham bathroom
28 O, ____ is me
29 Stupid ____!
30 US cable TV channel (abbr)
32 Tan
33 Bambi's pop
35 Lament; Brian, Canadian skater? (mixed message)
37 C followers
38 Show one's humanness
39 Convocation gifts
40 Scuba diver's headache
41 Nightengalist
42 Magnum occupation
43 Rain result; ____ code (mixed message)
45 Noam's hoam
46 Directorial declaration
47 Billy or a Beatle
48 Chutzpah
49 Commit to Hell
51 Impale
52 Dingo cry
53 IBM video standard
54 Laser or joist
55 Underwater requirement (abbr)
56 Rapid medical treatment area
58 S. Fran. state
59 Caviar christmas?
60 Husbands and Wives co-star, no longer the latter
61 The other waitress at Mel's diner
62 Stick to the end
64 Contained by 1-across
66 Guitar virtuosa
67 Quoth him nevermore, really
68 Pulp Potential

DOWN

1 Anti-cigarette aid
2 Bert's bud
3 Body builder's wing
4 Bethune killer
5 Conrad's black medium
6 Pisa's problem
7 Sum total
8 That is, not to be confused with e.g.
9 Southern mystery writer
10 Board of trustees substitute, perhaps?
11 Marine yes, or roll-call on a 2 person ship
12 Foresee; octopus arm (mixed message)
15 Only one, for the poor
16 Sergeant
18 Sleeveless Shirt
22 Uptight one
23 Rhymes with "doorknob"
24 Afloat, the front
26 Microbe munchies
27 80s business fad (abbr)
28 Kirk speed
30 Docs' drydock
31 William, of apple fame
32 Streisand role
33 Aug follower
34 Third prefix
35 Mindy actress
36 Navy ____
39 Molitor's instrument
43 Dusky
44 Good-a cheese
45 Source of numerous travellers' arguments
46 Business accountant (abbr)
48 Engagement
49 Paint job replacement
50 Awed
51 As a cheerio is to a bagel?
52 Each goes faster with age
54 ____ fide
55 Ceremony
56 "Cosmopolitan" competitor
57 It is what it is
59 Asthmatic chihuahua
60 P Preceders
61 For logging company, it's so ____ so good
63 Italian river
64 One song on vinyl (abbr)
65 Location preposition